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BY TELEGRAPH. HOLE **ORPEDO FOUND**

ers. Naval Authorities Doubt It. Treachery Suspected.

Key West Fla., Feb. 17.—An Associated Press correspondent who has just resched here from the scene of the Maine disaster reports that divers who had been about the bottom of the war ship have dis-

The correspondent reached here on the reductions. It's a determined Olivette, which left Havana harbor just movement resulting in prices after the report of the finding of the hole was sent from Havana, The report, he gays, is from a source regarded as reliable. It cannot be verified owing to the strict consorship of the wires in Havana. It is not verified by officers of the Maine.

Washington, Feb. 17 .- The navy depart-CLOAKS the seven and eight dol- ment absolutely discredits the story from dollar kinds will be Key West that divers have found an 8inch percussion hole in a plate of the Maine. Secretary Long says no 8-inch torpedoes and no such hole could be ac-

It is possible that a shell exploding inside the vessel pierced the hole. This is kind of weather every few hours more likely than that a torpedo made it. The plates will show whether it was from the outside or inside. Secretary Long positively denies that Captain Sigsbee has in any suppressed telegram expressed the opinion that a torpedo caused the disaster or that it came from any external cause. On the centrary, the captain has expressed no opinion.

The Key West bulletin was shown President McKinley. His only comment plaid linings, mostly in single | was that it was the first he had heard of it. He would make no statement, but said the administration had no advices tending to confirm it.

New York, Feb. 17 .- Scovel, the correspondent of the World, has cabled that visitors were on board the Maine all day ones and odd lots—fine Tuesday. A bomb might easily have been Roman stripe check and deposited near the magazine.

> Washington, Feb. 17.-The department this morning received a dispatch from Admiral Sicard that the court of inquiry to investigate the disaster will be: Captain Samson, commander of the Iowa, president; Capt. Chadwick of the New York. Lieut. Commander Schroeder of the battleship Massachusetts and Lieut. Comfaris of the Vermont. Admiral Manterola has summoned Cap-

tain Sigsbee to appear before Military Judge Poral to make necessary depositions. All proces of torpedo work will be removed. Another man-of-war is expected to reach Key West tonight.

Emp'r.r William of Germany, the Prince and Princess of Wales and the Duke of Connaught have cabled sympacooking potatoes grown in thy and condolence to President Mc-

Washington, Feb. 17.-It is probable that the government will care for the families of the victims of the Maine disaster, as it did for the survivors of those at Samoa. Representative McClellan of New York introduced a joint resolution appropriating \$150,060 for the purpose today. This will pay a sum equal to two months pay for each man.

Key West, Feb.17.-An Associated Press correspondent has had an opportunity to question a number of the officers and men of the Maine, and it is the universal oninion of all of them that the explosion was due to some interior cause, not from a torpedo on the outside.

BLAME THE SPANIARDS.

No Light on the Mystery Shed by Survivors In Key West.

Key West, Feb. 17.-The steamer Olivette, with 62 survivors of the Maine on board, arrived here at 10:30 last night. seven and a half hours from Havana. Of the number 20 are wounded, 10 seriously and one fatally. Company A, First artillery, took possession of the dock before the vessel's arrival and kept back the excited crowd, which included half the population of Key West. No one not in uniform was allowed to go on

The Associated Press correspondent say Purser Dennison of the Olivette, who gave the following brief account of the disaster: "The explosion is an absolute mystery to everyone. It occurred in the forward magazine, which is just forward of amidships and below the water line. The coal bunkers are outside, but separated by two feet of space. According to custom the magazine was inspected at 8 o'clock in the evening and the temperature found to be 49. The magazine was locked and the keys given to Capialn Sigsbee. The men went to their hammocks in the forward part of the ship soon after 9 o'clock. The explosion occurred at 9:40, and hence the

awful and overwhelming loss of life." No one can yet give a connected acsount. About 10 men who were in the forward part of the ship were saved, and of these several men had their hammocks slung on the lower deck. The explosion split the big ship in two and threw these and one marine who were sleeping on the superstructure 40 feet in the air and into the water. In the magazine were 25 tons of coarse powder, used for charging the big guns, there being no dynamite, detonating powder, por torpedo heads, and nothing in fact that could be exploded by concussion. In the main magazine aft the high explosives were stored, and this magazine did not explode. There are no electric wires connecting with or near the magagine. It is not believed that the Maine was destroyed by a torpedo underneath, as if this were the case a hole would have been torn in the bottom and the ship would not have been riven to atoms

as was the case. The aft part of the

ship sank in three minutes, and the offi-

cers and survivors of the crew escaped half clothed. Pieces of the wreckage flew a distance of 500 yards.

The officers, as a rule, were reticent and followed in line with their chief, Sigsbee, in saying that the cause of the explosion could only be ascertained by divers, but many of the sallors were outspoken in their declaration of belief that the explosion was a deep laid plot of the Spaniards. They are greatly incc...ed against the Havana people, who have shown them small courtesy, who looked upon their presence as a national affront and who have published anonymous circulars captioned "Down with Americans." They believe that the authors of such expressed and cowardly hatred would not stop at an act of such vengeance as the blowing up of the Maine. These sailors, acquainted with the drills, discipline and ensemble of a man-of-war, pooh-pooh the idea of an internal explosion as the last thing to be thought of.

Following is the list of the officers and men who arrived on the Olivette: Lieutenants-John C. Hook, C. W. Jungen, J. J. Blandin.

Naval cadets-A. Bronson, Boyd,

Washington and Crenshaw.
Past Assistant Engineer F. C. Bowers. Assistant Engineer Morris, Pay Clerk McCarthy, Carpenter Helms, Gunner J. H. Hills, Boatswain Larkin, Lieutenant of Marines Catlin, Sergeant Meehan, Mess Attendants John Turpin, Harris, Cushiday and Fawo, Wardroom Cook Toppin, Gunners Mate Williams, Apprentice Willia, Marines Mc-Kay, Peter Larsen, L. Moriniorie, A. Halberg, G. Davis, F. Rush, William Gartrell. Peggy, the captain's pug dog. Lieutenants George P. Blow, C. P. Melville, Reden, Danduricken, McCann.

The wounded—A. J. Dressler, Charles Bergoman, William H. Thompson, George Schwartz, H Tackle, Marine F. Thomson, R Hutchins, Marine McDermott, J. Herbert, slightly; A Ham, P. J. Foley, George Fox, M Flynn, William Mc Neir, Charles Galpin, Joseph Luie, M. Lanahan, Joseph Kane, Carl Christiansen, A. Johnson, John D. Load, J. Panck, O. Anderson, C. Lohman, Calvin Cook, Henry Williams, W. E. Richards, --- Mickleson.

The authentic figures as given of the casualties are 104 saved and 251 dead. From Havaya.

Havana, Feb. 17.—Out of 354, the total number of the crew of the Maine, 96 were saved. The following sailors are in a hospital. All but three will live; one man couldn't give his name: Dan Cronin, New York; William McGinness. Boston; John Soffey, Boston; A. Hallen, Brooklyn; James Rol, New York; Francis Cahill, Massachusetts; Joe Koena, Boston; Fred Gerne, New Brunswick, N. J.; Charles A. Smith, Jeremiah Shea, Alfred Herns, Norway; J. H. Bloomer, Portland; Alf Johnson, Sweden; Edward Mattson, Sweden; George Fox, Grand Rapids; B. R. Wilbur, A. Ericson, Sweden; John E. White, Brooklyn; John Heffron, Brooklyn; F. F. Holzer, New York; William Matteson, Bay City, Mich.; H. Judson, St. Louis; W. Allen,

Lieutenant Commander R. Wainwright of the Maine was half undressed at 9:45 p. m., and was smoking in his cabin next to that of Captain Sigsbee when the explosion occurred and put out the electric lights. He lit a match and went to Captain Sigsbee's cabin. The captain, it appears, had been thrown from his bed, but was uninjured. They both went on deck and ordered the men to flood 2500 pounds of guncotton which were on board. The order was carried out, but the men never returned. Havana, however, was saved from a still more terrible explosion. Four boats were lowered, all manned by officers, and one of them was lost.

The Maine, at the time of the explosion, was at anchor about 500 yards from the arsenal and some 200 yards from the floating dock.

Captain Sigsbee, when interviewed last evening by the correspondent of the Associated Press with reference to the cause of the explosion, said: "I cannot yet determine the cause, but competent investigators will decide whether the explosion was produced from an interior or exterior cause. I cannot say anything until after such an investigation has been made. I will not and cannot conscientiously anticipate the decision, nor do I wish to make any unjust estimate of the reason for the disaster.'

The Discussion says that fire broke out on board the Maine at 7:30 p. m., and that the crew were unable to extinguish it. The first explosion is said to have been caused by over 600 pounds of gun cotton, and the subsequent explosion is alleged to have been caused by shells and cartridges.

Regrets of Mr. DeLome. New York, Feb. 17.-Mr. De Lome, ac-

companied by his wife and two boys, was escorted by detectives from the hotel to the dock yesterday. Four staterooms were in readiness for the ex-minister. A cabin set apart for a receptionroom was filled with floral emblems. Among the many friends who were present to bid the De Lomes farewell was Miss Pauncefote, eldest daughter of the British ambassador. An album containing resolutions of sympathy signed by Spaniards in this city was handed to Mr. De Lome, who, in a short speech. returned thanks and said he hoped he would retain the highly valued good will of the Spanish colony in New York. As the steamer drew away from her dock there were cheers from the Spanlards for De Lome. In speaking of the Maine's mishap he

"This appalling disaster forces me to a declaration that I love America. as I do no other country than my own. The Spanish ministry and the Spanish people have been greatly misunderstood in this country," Mr. De Lome said. They desire peace. They all want beace with America and Americans, not only

BY TELEGRAPH. **PITTSFIELD** FIRE.

\$5 each. In Plate of Maine, Reported by Div= Burbank Block Totally Destroyed This Morning. \$45,000 Loss. Thought tobe Incendiary.

as the upper Burbank block at the corner of North and Summer streets was totally destroyed by fire this morning. It was a three-story frame building, 127 by 85 feet in size, and contained six stores. The total loss is \$45,800, with insurance of \$27,-

The building was owned by C. W Wright, who bought it in December, paying about \$90,000 for the entire property. He was the chief backer of the Boston furniture company, a new firm which was to have opened a big store in the block next Monday, The stock of furniture already in was worth \$8,000.

The other stores were those of N. J. McMahon, W. J. Davolle, Clark Meyers, E. Fasche, and George Columbus & Co-There were also a tailor shop and a barber hop on the second floor. The stocks of all the stores were almost completely

The fire started about 1,30 o'clock in the morning, and the entire department that 50 have perished.

Pitttsfield, Feb. 17.—What was known | responded. The wind was blowing a gale and the firemen were badly hindered by he extreme cold. By hard work they confined the fire to the block, and had it under control at 4 o'clock, although they were working on it all the forencon. No cause is known for the fire, and it is

thought to have been incendiary.

Foreign Casualties.

Copenhagen, Feb. 17.-A dispatch from Heisingfors says that an ice fice on the coast of the Gn f of Finland, broke loose in the snowstorm yesterday and carried out to sea 200 fishermen and several

Bochum, Prussia, Feb. 17.-There was a terrible explosion of firedamp in the Versinigt Carolinenglusok colliery at Hamme early thir morning. Thirty-seven bodies have been recovered. It is believed

from motives of policy, but because they love America. I am forced to say now by this terrible affair what Ashould have been precluded from saying before. There is no country in the world that I love as I do America. Llove the country and the people, and it is with the keenest regret that I take my leave as the unfortunate letter incident. Nearly all prominent Spaniards and men of influence in my country share my views

London, Feb. 17.-The Daily News, commenting on the disaster, says: "The disaster reaches the very extremity of horror. The public feeling of the world, shocked by this dire calamity, will do well to imitate the restraint imposed on that of the United States by both the Washington government and the captain of the ill-fated ship. For suspicions of foul play there seems to be absolutely no warrant, though naturally they haunt the minds of many Americans. They should be entertained only on absolute compulsion. A spark of misdirected national feeling wight cause terrible mischief. The attitude of Spain at this agonizing moment will either efface the memory of the De Lome incident forever, or revive it with added circumstances of bitterness and exasperation that cannot be contemplated without a shudder. The calamity sends a pang to every British heart."

Pang to British Hearts,

in regard to America."

The Daily Mail says: "The suspicion of Spanish treachery exhibited by a section of American opinion looks ill beside the accounts of the splendid gailantry of the suspects in saving drowning Americans; and it indicates an ugly temper towards Spain."

The Times editorially expresses profound sympathy with the United States It refers to certain "ominious opinions heard in America" and says: "Fortunately for America and for the world, the United States is not governed by persons of this type. So far, not only the government but the people of America and Spain have acted with good sense, good feeling and dignity."

Attributed to Spaniards.

New York, Feb. 17.—An evening paper quotes Horatio S. Rubens, counsel for the Cuban junta, as saying: "Taking everything into consideration. I am firmly convinced that the tragedy in Havana harbor was the work of the Spaniards. It is well known that there has been a very bitter feeling among the Spaniards in Cuba against the Maine. Canalejas' own paper. The Herald, has repeatedly stated that the presence of the Maine was a menace to peace, and it was to the editor of this paper that De Lome wrote his famous letter. At a bull fight in Cuba a week ago Sunday the Spaniards openly insulted men from the Maine, and the feeling against them has gradually grown to be very bitter.

"It would have been comparatively easy to plant a torpedo under the Maine. If any Spaniards did it they certainly acted in conmivance with the Spanish authorities. I feel certain it was not the work of the Cubans, because if they had wanted to blow anything up they would have directed their force toward Spanish vessels or Weyler long before A Four-Year Term,

mittee on the election of president, vice president and representatives in congress has authorized a favorable report

Washington, Feb. 17.-The house com-

on a resolution to propose to the various state legislatures an amendment to the constitution as follows: "The house of representatives shall be composed of members chosen every fourth year by the people of the several states, and the electors in each state shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the state leg-Islature." Won as He Pleased.

New York, Feb 17 .- There was a large crowd at the ice palace to see the threemile race between John Nilsson of Minneapolis, the champion professional speed skater of the world, and R. Warner, champion of New England. Nilsson conceded a lap and a half to his opponent and still won by half a lan in 9:32 3-5. He overtook his opponent after 2 1-2 miles, and then won as he pleased.

Favored by Fortune. Washington, Feb. 17.-Fourth-class postmasters have been appointed as fol-

Maine-Amherst, John P. Grover: Fryeburg, Mary E. Frye, Nicolin, Mrs. Cora James; Soundanville, Mrs. A. M. Bowie.

New Hampshire-Marlow, Charles A. Clapp

French Steamer Totally Wrecked on Spanish Island.

Struck During Heavy Weather and Broke In Two.

Only Fourteen survivors of the Hundred and One Who Were on Board.

Tenerife, Canary Islands, Feb. 17.-The French steamer Flatchat bound from Marseilles for Colon was totally wrecked on Anaga point, this island, at 1 o'clock yesterday morning. Her captain, second officer, 'II of the crew and one passenger were saved. Thirty-eight The Flatchat struck during a thick

Heavy weather prevailed at the time, and the steamer soon broke in A small steamer brought the 14 survivors to Santa Cruz and, after landing them, returned to the scene of the disaster to endeavor to render further assistance.

The Flatchat was built at Stockton. Eng., in 1880. She was a stern screw. iron vessel of 1239 tons net and 2175 tons gross register. She was 300 feet long by 36 feet beam and 25.5 feet depth of hold.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Mr. Gladstone started for England yesterday from France. Frances E. Willard, who is seriously ill with grip in New York, has slightly improved.

Alonzo R. Nickerson of Boothbay has been nominated as a commissioner of sea and shore fisheries in Maine. A site for a new observatory for Am-

herst college has been recently purchased through funds given the college by Charles T. Wilder of Wellesley, Mass. George C. Howard of Bridgewater, Mass., who pleaded guilty to a charge of forgery, was sentenced to state prison

for not less than two and one-half years

nor more than four years. The Potter block, one of the largest business blocks in Westerly, R. I., was completely burned out last night, with a loss to the owners and half a dozen business firms, the tenants, of over \$50,000.

A rear end collision occurred on the western drusion of the Boston and Maine railroad yesterday at Wyoming, Mass., in which three persons were slightly injured and the engine of the rear train was badly damaged.

Joseph Leiter has securely cornered the May wheat market, plays fast and loose with the fears of a tremendous short interest and is showing himself to be by all odds the most remarkable factor ever encountered in the Chicago market. Louis M. Bassenier, a fireman on a

switching locomotive, fell off his engine in New York and received a fracture of the skull. In going from one track to another the locomotive gave a lurch throwing the fireman out of the cab, and he fell on his head. A bye-election was held in the Pembrokeshire, Eng., district to fill the parliamentary vacancy caused by the ap-

pointment of W. Rees Davies, Liberal,

to the attorney generalship of the Ba-

hamas. Wynford Phillips, Liberal, was elected by a majority of 1670, a Liberal gain of 1090. In response to what seems to be a general desire, a permanent memorial will be erected at Harvard to Marshall Newell, who was killed Christmas eve at Springfield, Mass. It has been suggested that a new gate to the college

yard would be most fitting, but its lo-

cation has not yet been determined.

Moon sets—5:11 a. m.

[WEATHER INDICATIONS. ALMANAC, FRIDAY, FEB. 18. Sun rises-6:86; sets, 5:21.

High water-9 a. m.; 9:30 p. m. Partly cloudy weather will prevail Friday, with slowly rising temperature and fresh to brisk northeasterly winds. followed by snow in the northern and rain in the southern districts. Saturday, cloudy to partly cloudy weather preceded by snow and rain and brisk to high, variable winds, with slightly highor temperature, followed by clearing.

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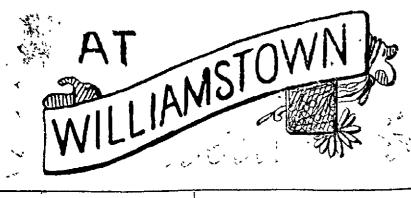
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Weston Field-Pleased with Captain Darby's Appointment-Volun-Town Meeting Talk.

Improvement of Weston Field.

summer THE TRANSCRIPT conlained an article on the pro-Weston improvement of athletic ground Williams college. At that time a committee of the athletic council composed of E. M. Jerome, Professor John E. Russell and Dr. Frank W. Olds had just begun to investigate the anbject to see what could and should be done to put the grounds in first-class condition for the uses for which they were intended. After looking the matter over very carefully and calling to this town for consideration Thomas Butler, builder of the Berkeley oval andManhattan athletic grounds in New York and the Dartmonth field at Hanover, the committee came to the conclusion that many important improvements should be made. among which are the following:

The swamp in the southeastern part of the field should be drained and other drainage is necessary in order to get the baseball nine upon the field earlier in the spring than is now possible. The football field should be leveled, a mixture of sand and loam should be added to the present soil and the field should then be seeded with lawn grass and white clover

The committee pronounces the circular track out of date and recommends the construction of a third of a mile square track. The track should be a mixture of cinders and clay with a topdressing of screened cinders and brickdust, and should be so enclosed as to prevent teams driving on it at any time. The committee feels that the baseball ground and the track should never be encroached upon, and to insure this protection some low fence would be necessary in places. The tootball field should remain in its present position and the baseball diamond should be moved 200 feet to the east of its present location.

Other improvements deemed necessary are a new gate at the northeast corner of the grounds opening on Meacham street, the northwest corner should be filled in to make room for the tennis courts, a new grand stand with a seating capacity of from 600 to 800 should be built, underneath which there should be dressing rooms, a shower bath and 100 lockers-Three sides of the field should be fenced in and some of the fence would need to be 11 or 12 feet high.

These improvements, with others not here mentioned, are recommended by the committee in a report submitted to the athletic council. The cost is estimated at about \$12,000, and with this money judiclously expended it is believed that West in field would compare favorably with the An effort to raise the money will be made by appealing for voluntary contributions from the alumni and friends of the college. The under-graduates have already subscribed over \$1000 and several alumni have signified their willingness to assist.

Weston field was purchased by the college for athletic purposes in 1884. Two years later Governor Weston of Dalton paid the indebtedness of the college, \$5000, when it received the name of Weston field. In 1887 he contributed another \$1000 for draining, grading, etc., and a few Years later paid all the expenses of building the athletic track and a part of the cost of the grand stand, amounting to

The proposition to put the grounds in thorough condition is of interest to the local public outside of Williams college, for it is on Weston field t at the best baseball and football games in this part of the state are played, and interest in these games is by no means confined to the college. They are largely patronized by the people of this town and North Adams, and with better accommodations for players and spectators the patronage would undoubtedly increase.

The triangular league meeting would have been held here this year if the grounds had been suitable, and the loss of this event is much to be regretted. It was thought the meeting would be held at 'Amherst, but it has been decided not to hold it this year. In view of these facts it is to be hoped that the efforts of the athletic council will be successful. The council has supervision of all athletics in the college and is composed as follows: President. Dr. Frank W. Olds, '76; vicepresident, Prof. John E. Russell, '72; graduate treasurer, Eugene M. Jerome, 267; secretary, Frederic T. Wood, 198; members, faculty, Prof. Richard A. Rice, Prof. John E. Russell, '72, Prof. Henry Lafavour, '83, alumni, Eugene M. Jerome, '66. Charles B. Hubbell, '74, Dr. Frank W. Olds, '77, undergraduates, Frederic T. Wood, '98, Paul H. Waterman, '98, Henry B. Leary, '99.

Early Town Meeting Talk.

Town politics does not come to the surface much as yet, but the middle of February is past and the present quiet will soon be succeeded by the annual spring campaign. It is said by the knowing ones that a very lively campaign is promised, but that not much will be done until after the appointment of a deputy sheriff unless that appointment is too long postponed, is which event coats will be taken off and the fur will begin to fly, sheriff or no theriff. Those on the inside are cautious sbout giving out particulars at present, but it is understood that an opposition will be made to the board of selectmen and probably to some other town officials also. On what ground the opposition is to be based does not yet appear, but it will be disclosed in time. Town meeting in this town is always an animated affair and the promise is made in some quarters that all that will have to be done by those who

want to see fun this spring will be to "lay

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All Are Pleased.

The people of this town are pleased to know that Capt. W. F. Darby is to be the next postmaster of North Adams. They have watched the contest with interest and the general feeling was that Mr-Darby had more and better claims for recognition than elther of the other caudidates. He is well known by the Grand Army men and others in town, all of whom respect him highly and heartily congratulate him on securing the appointment.

A good sized delegation of the Gale Hose company, with ladies, will go to Adams Friday night by special car to attend the annual concert and ball of the Alert Hose company.

People are glad that the sleighing has been restored. Wednesday's storm was a rouser and the electric cars were again,

The Alpha Delta Phi and Sigma Phi societies will entertain house parties from February 18 to February 21.

The Verum brothers, the wonderful boy musicians, will be at the Methodist church Friday evening.

It is probable that a good number w 1 go to North Adams next week, when the animotoscops will be exhibited in Odd Fellows' hall two evenings by Lyman H, Howe, The moving pictures shown by this wonderful invention of Edison are true to life and are worth going a long. distance to see, being superior to any ever shown in this section.

Hon. S. A. Hickox gave an address Wednesday before a farmers' institute, held under the auspices of the Worcester Agricultural society. His subject was "Feeding the Dairy Cow."

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The Antarctic Region. It is a curious fact that while enormous sums of money and property of grounds of other colleges with which great value have been appropriated and | gled up this morning, and I can't get assume the name." Williams comes into athletic competition. | used in exploring the more northerly por- | anything right." tions of this globe little or no attention has been given to the extreme southern part. Of late, however, the eyes of explorers have been turned antarcticward, and expeditions are being cent out to determine various debatable questions that have arisen concerning this country. No human foot, as far as known, has ever approached nearer to the south pole than 720 miles. The ice is said to far exceed that found at the north pole, and greater difficulties are apprehended than arctic explorers have ever encountered. Vegetation ceases at about 58 degrees, no man has yet been met with south of 56 degrees, and the country is destitute of land animals south of 68 degrees. Mountains with towering peaks have been discovered, and volcances are thought to be numerous. Whether the intense heat of the latter may exert any influence upon the climate in their vicinity is a question of interest to the scientific world .-- New

Handwriting of Dumas.

Both the Dumas' hands were those of busy men, but the elder Dumas could go on forever; he never stopped to punctrate. One of his literary canons was that a clear style punctuates itself. There is a good deal in this. The son never missed a comma, semicolon, colon or full stop. He had not the father's facility, which resembled a tropical vegetation at the end of the rainy sea-

The younger Dumas beat his brains terribly and forced them to bring forth plays. Nothing can be more refined than his bandwriting. The original manuscripts of his plays are scarcely legible, the corrections and erasures being so numerous. But he did not let the copyist or indeed any stranger see them, but rewrote and added pungent and pregnant sentences as he did so. The first thoughts of some authors are the best; they were the worst of Dumas fils almost an individual."-Atlanta Conunless when he was answering a letter i stitution -answering, mind! It was then a case of steel responding to flint. Sparks flew. If there was an explosive about, it went off. -London Truth.

Queer Signature to a Check.

"That man forgot to sign his name," as he reached the oud of a letter from one of his correspondents.

"I presume you run across many cases of forgetfulness and abstraction while reading your correspondence?" I suggested as he resumed looking over his

"Well, yes, they are more frequent than I wish they were. One of the most singular instances was a case where a man in affixing his signature to a check used a portion of my name and a part of his own. And he was the president of one of our leading colleges too."-Portland (Mc.) Argus.

Easily Ascertained.

"I don't deny that have hidlliant, but has he staying qualities?"
"H-m-m! I don't know. You might invite him to call."-Chicago Journal.

ing town. In the dead of night the woman was awakened out of a sound sleep by a tremendous noise in the wardrobe. It was such a sudden and unearthly uproar that the woman, sensible and practical though she was, was frightened. The noise coased, then returned. The woman jumped up, lighted the gas, looked at her watch and found it was just midnight and made a thorough search both of the wardrobe and the room. There was nothing, so far as the evidence of the senses went which could account for the racket. The woman put out the light and went back to bed. The noise was not repeated either that night or any other.

Her Mother's Spirit. A young married woman was obliged

to remain alone overnight in a St. Louis

hotel a few years ago, her husband be-

ing detained by business in a neighbor-

Six months afterward, however, the woman was in San Francisco, and for the first time in her life and solely out of curiosity she attended a spiritualistic meeting. Almost immediately the medium, a perfect stranger, turned to her and said, "The spirit of your mother is present, madam, and she says that six mouths ago (naming the precise date) she tried to communicate with you by means of the wardrobe in the Blank hotel, St. Louis." .The woman's practical good sense did not desert her. "Well, you just tell my mother," she said, "that the next time she wants to communicate with me not to make such an awful racket in the dead of night and frighten me half out of my senses."

-New York Sun.

Gentility Passing Away. A frankness that is almost brutal seems to pass current in society for up to date smartness, and the language that is now used by certain fashionable people among themselves is sometimes only a little short of billingsgate, while 'swear words'' seem to have lost their awfulness and are used almost as freely by women as by men. It is curious how "gentility" both as a word and a quality has disappeared. Fashionable people are distinctly no longer "genteel." They may on occasions be highbred, but the mincing propriety of the belles and beaus of yore has entirely disappeared. In a well known society novel written 15 or 20 years ago, which was a presumably correct delineation of the manners and habits of the fashionable life of that time, two heroines play their role-one a Vere de Vere. with the correct speech and manners of her caste, and the other a suddenly exalted bourgeoise, who goes through the social fires of criticism and experience before she emerges true gold from the ordeal. Oddly enough today the types might be reversed; it is the bourgeoise who is "high toned" and the Vere de Vere who is a slangy hoiden.-New York Tribune.

A worried looking stranger stepped up to a crossing policeman yesterday morning and said:

"Will you kindly direct me to the Matthew, Mark, Luke and John raildidn't mention the subject I asked hin for it, and all he said was, 'Why, didn't l give you, my daughter?' "—Philadelphia way depot?

The stranger repeated his request. "There isn't any such depot in this town," replied the officer. "What are you giving me?"

"That isn't the name of it of course," rejoined the other, "but it's something like it. My head's all tan-

A sudden thought struck the police-

"Do you mean the Big Four depot?" "That's it!" exclaimed the stranger

delightedly. "I was sure I'd know it if I heard it again. Where is it?" The officer started him in the right

direction and then went into a brown study. At the end of half an hour he emerged from it and said to himself in an audible voice:

"I wonder if that guy wasn't having fun with me."-Chicago Tribune.

A Pleasant Sort of Sea. The power of the suci is a thing about which many of us have but the most bazy ideas, and indeed the ordipary conditions with which we are surrounded prevent us from fully appreciating what it can be at times.

The people of the island of Chincoteague, which is about a mile and a half wide, have, however, opportunities for judging this experience, which they must find the reverse of pleasant.

On its eastern side and between it and the ocean is Assateague island, which is also a mile and a half wide, but the power with which the waves come is so great that at some places the surf sweeps entirely over both islands,-London Standard.

A Mississippi girl described her first visit to a city in the following rhapsody: "Ob, I had such a perfectly beautiful time! Everything was so converted, you know. We stopped to a house where we rode to our rooms in a refrigerator, and our rooms were illustrated with election lights. There was no stove in the room, but one of those legislators in the floor, and the heat poured right up through. I did not have any appetite and could not get a thing I could real-12e. Houestly, when I got home I was

For Sleeplessness.

The following is recommended as a cure for sleeplessness: "Wet a half towel, apply it to the back of the neck, pressing it upward toward the base of the brain, and fasten the dry half of the remarked a well known insurance agent | towel over so as to prevent the too rapid exhalation. The effect is prompt and charming, cooling the brain and inducing calmer, sweeter sleep than any narcotic. Warm water may be used, though most persons prefer cold. To those who suffer from overexcitement of the brain, whether the result of brain work or pressing anxiety, this simple remedy has proved an especial boon."-New Olreans Times-Democrat.

Power In Portrayal.

"Why, man, I've had whole audiences fall to their knees in terror at my description of the day of judgment."

The other exhorter smiled pityingly. "Ah, yes!" he replied. "But the other night I portrayed the destruction of the world with such power that a man came up after the services and asked me whom . he should see about the kinetoscope

Home Bakery

THE SHREWMOUSE.

Queer Supersitions That Medge About a

Expulses Little Animal

The shrew, or shrewmouse, as it is

commonly called, is found in nearly all parts of the world. It is distinguished by

an clengated, pointed muzzle, small eyes, plantigrade, six toed feet and glands that

scorete a musky fluid. Altogether it closely

resembles a mouse, but it is really not re-

of rubbish or in a hole which it has bur-

rowed in the earth. It is nocturnal in its

habits, but perfectly harmless; yet at one

time it was much disliked and persecuted

because it was thought to be a dangerous,

mischievous animal. Among the Italians

the notion was prevalent that the bite of a

shrew was extremely poisonous. The

French and the English believed that if a

shrew ran over an animal's foot the ani-

mal felt great pain and eventually became

paralyzed. Hence if a horse, a cow or a

goat became a little stiff in its limbs, the

foolish people at once declared it "shrew

struck," and the poor shrews had to suffer

Of course the "shrew struck" animal

had to have something to cure it, so an ash

tree was selected and a deep hole was

bored into its trunk. Then a shrew was

captured, put alive into the hole, the hole

was securely plugged and the innocent lit-

The ignorant believed that, after such

its limbs its owner hurried to the "shrew

ash," cut a switch from it and switched

the "shrew struck" beast. The smarting

caused by the switching naturally made

the helpless animal move about as much

as it possibly could, and in a short time it

was pronounced "cured."-Philadelphia

The Causes of Cancer.

human family that are more to be dreaded

than those of a cancerous nature. The

cancer proper is a most appalling foe to

life. Whether it can be cured is and al-

ways has been a debatable question. Cases

are cited where alleged marvelous cures have been effected, but this does not to any

appreciable extent alter the facts in the

case that the cancer is practically incur-

able once it gets any sort of headway in

the system. The causes of this disease have

been so imperfectly understood that any

effort at prevention was worse than use-

less. A French scientist claims to have

discovered cancer germs in wood and that

artisans who work in wood are much

more subject to this disease, all things be-

ing considered, than those who handle

most other materials. Having once start-

ed on this line of research, he found cancer

germs in wood and vegetation of various

kinds. Elm and willow trees showed a

other woods. In high altitudes or where

trees are not common very few cancer

germs were found. From all of which it

appears that we may be at last on the

highroad to some reliable and conclusive

knowledge upon a subject which has bat-

fled the skill of medical scientists for many

"What do you think: My wife's fath.

told me before we got married that he

would give me a handsome present on ou

"Well, I waited over a week, and as he

An English paper says that Florence

Nightingale "received her Christian name

rom the town in which she was born-

Florence, Italy. Her name is not Night-ipgale, but Shore, her father being a Not-

tingham banker who inherited the estates

of Peter Nightingals on condition that he

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est suspension bridge in the United States.

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BOARD OF HEALTH.

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Health will be held at their office in

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Office hours of the Agent of the

Board of Health from 10.30 a. m. to

12 m. and from 1.30 until 3 p. m.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that all persons

having residences in the city must clear

the sidewalks in front of their residences

of snow and ice within 18 hours of the

time of snow fall or ice formation. Nez-

lect to comply with this order will make

any offender subject to the law's penalty.

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The commissioner of public works,

J. H. Emigh, has set aside the fol-

lowing streets on which coasting will be

permitted: Hall, Meadow, Lawrence

avenue, East Brooklyn, Walnut, south of

corner, East Main, east of Kemp avenue

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years. - New York Ledger.

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greater proportion of these germs than

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tle animal was left to die of starvation.

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lated to the mouse family.

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Commissioner of Public Works

Commissioner of Public Works NOTICE.

J. H. EMIGH,

North Adams, Mass.

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Doyle Would Accept.

monday's New York Journal Alph he left the challenge open to the world. would run him either of the distances for | people. \$500 and would post a suitable forfeit with the New York Journal or any reliable paper, to run the last part of June or the first of July. He would take \$150 and run Donner in England or give the Englishman \$150 and run in New York city. Doyle is now stopping at the Howland house and says that he means every word he says. He will bar no man in the world the coming season and says no matter what may have happened in the past he is bound to find out whether or not he can down all of them. There are people who know Jack and are willing to back him for any amount. The big fellow has taken good care of himself for some time and there is no denying his ability to put up a good race.

Nearly Lost an Eye.

Joseph Rogers, an employe of the weav ing department of Berkshire mill No. 8 Wednesday evening. It was almost clos- | Kemp, Leroy A. Hart and Erastus Howing time when a heavy shuttle flew out of | land. one of the looms and struck Mr. Rogers just under the right eyebrow. The point of the shuttle cut a gash in the flesh and the upper eyelid was badly swollen. The force of the blow stunned Mr. Rogers and he fell against the side of another loom and bruised his head somewhat. Dr. J. H. Crowley attended.

To Hold a Rag Ball,

The Turn Verein Vorwartz club will street Friday evening. Doll's orchestra same. will furnish music and Henry Schmidt will prompt. Valuable prizes will be awarded the shabbiest makeups. The judges will be chosen in the hall.

[Cheshire Athletic Club's Dances

The Cheshire Athletic club is arranging for a social and dance to be held in Dean's hall next Monday evening. Palmer's orchestra will furnish music and a general good time is expected. A large number from this town will attend.

OUR BOSTON LETTER.

Klondike Fever Grows Stronger as Days Grow Longer.

tailroad Men Estimate That From Six to Eight Thousand Will Make the Start to Alaska From the Hub-Supplies of All Kinds For Sale-Schoolhouse on Wheels Giving Instruction to Railroad Men-Imployment Agencies to Be Regulated-Municipal Brass Band Proposed. Collector Warren Resigns - Fancuil Hall-Dramatic and Personal.

We are thousands of miles from the storm center, but the Klondike fever is with us, and as the days now grow longer it increases in force and its effects are more noticeable. I was surprised at the story by a railroad man who has made a study of the travel to the gold fields of Alaska. According to this authority, it is safe to say that even at this early date 15 or 20 persons on an average leave Boston daily for the New El Dorado, while next month there s no doubt the exodus will be much larger. The gold seekers come from all parts of New England, and are drawn from almost all classes. The clerk and mechanic of the city, the farmer from the country and the fisherman from the shore are all represented. Almost all of them go in parties made up with the understanding that all shall share in any treasures discovered, as few mexperienced men are willing to run the risk of braving the hardships of the journey unaided, and these parties vary in size all the way from three to 50 and 75 in num-

My experienced friend estimates that during the year from 6000 to 8000 people will go to Alaska through this city, and even a greater number would not surprise him. The one thing that prevents the numbers going from being three or four times as large as it is is the fear that in the rush this spring they will not be able to get their supplies through, and the gold seekers are willing to go to almost any amount of trouble in order to make this sure. It is for this reason that so many men are going by way of Cape Horn, where they can take all the supplies they want, while others are taking the long route by way of Edmonton, the Athabasca and Great Slave lakes and the Mackenzie river, which is a deep waterway, and has been a traveled route for 190 years.

The Cape Horn people have nearly all of them gone in fishing schooners, about dozen of these craft having sailed from different New England points in the last two months, well loaded with boats and supplies. That so long and devious a trip should be made has surprised many persons, but the reason of it is not far to seek, and lies in the deeply rooted distrust of the steamship companies running to Alaska from the west coast, which is found amongst all of those leaving here this spring for the gold fields. The average New Englander is a conservative person, and even if he has the gold fever he is careful not to start out on an expedition that appears to have starvation as its destination. For this reason parties, by rail or otherwise, are most of them fitting out in this city and dealers in the supplies demanded report a boom in trade as a result.

As a result of this demand, there are probably more cold weather garments, of the kind the Arctic voyagers require. in this city today " Windows

The march do wen us the mean, bur boots

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Will Run Special Electric Car.

The Alerts are fast completing the dec-Donner, the English sprinter, issued a orations in Armory hall for their ball Frichallenge to Wefers of this country, day evening. The present outlook is that offering to run him 100 or 220 yards for these will be a very large attendance. \$500 or more. If Wefers did not accept | People from Pittsfield, North Adams and Williamstown will attend. Special elec-As soon as Jack Doyle of this town read | tric cars will be run for the accommodathe challenge he cabled to Donner that he | tion of North Adams and Williamstown

Postponed Until Tonight.

The entertained by Prof. Jewett, the magician, which was to have been given at the opera house Wednesday evening was postponed until this evening. His great act of catching the bullets from rifles is the chief sensational feature.

Satholic Casino Club Dance.

A new society known as the Catholic Casino club will hold a dance in Koehler's Turn hall on Summer street Saturday evening. Good music will be provided and the dance will be public.

Jurors Drawn.

The selectmen have drawn the following men for jurous at the February sitting met with a very unfortunate accident of the civil court at Pittsfield: Zebina B.

> The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held Friday afternoon.

mearly all the different rooms of the schools will hold special exercises next Tuesday in honor of Washington's birth-

James E. Cadagon attended the Donlor. Nehill wedding at Pittsfield Wednesday. Superintendent Neary by hard work was able to have cars waiting for the mill help at the village Wednesday evening hold a rag ball in Hermann hall on Spring and he was heartily thanked for the

There will be no school Friday it being teachers' convention day in Pittsfield.

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and about every device known calculated to keep a man warm in a country of extreme cold. One enterprising firm exhibits a whole portable house made of aluminum and fitted with beds, furniture and cooking utensils, that weighs little and can be set up anywhere. If every New Englander that goes forth to seek his fortune gets rich, things ought to boom around here in 1900.

The most unique schoolhouse in the world is now in this city. It is on up onto a siding in Park square, and immediately opened up for business. This schoolhouse, with its corps of competent instructors, is owned and operated by the Westinghouse Air Brake company. It is made up of three cars and has traveled more than 55,000 miles. In it more than 100,000 railroad men have been instructed within the eight years of its existence. It is a perfectly constructed schoolhouse, fitted with every appliance for instructing the pupils in the use of the Westinghouse air brake system, and has its principal and its competent

When the Westinghouse air brake was invented and applied to steam railroads, it was found to be the best thing of its kind, provided it was properly handled. It is automatic in its action, but the best results could not be obtained without a competent man at the throttle, who understood perfectly just what results would be obtained with a certain amount of pressure. It was this fact that led to the establishment of the schoolhouse which just now has its headquarters in Boston. It was the idea of getting the best results out of the brake, and, therefore, insuring greater safety to the passengers and a saving of property to the railroads and shippers, that was the inspiration of this remarkable school. So, in 1889, the school on wheels was started on its mission of education, and has since been giving instruction to railroad men. Nearly all parts of the country have been visited, and Boston trainmen are now receiving the benefit of technical training. It is

By recent acts of the board of police, the poor person, who after May first of the current year, seeks employment through the agency of an intelligence office will be better protected, and it will be difficult for the proprietor of such a prace to swindle the applicants as easily as has frequently been the case in the past. This action, though long delayed, is still welcome. No confidence men ever worked the unsuspecting public as did these alleged employment agencies their victims, and the action was all the more despicable since the people who were fleeced were poor and needy. The agent paid no attention to the regulation that was supposed to, prevent his extortion, but got all he could, and far more than was just out of the man or woman who, unemployed, was willing to do almost anything and pay almost any price for a chance to earn a living.

The money lender was a gentleman compared to these employment sharks, and if the new regulations serve to drive some of them out of the business, as is expected, it will be a good thing for the community. Police regulations of these so-called agencies should at least prevent the extortion of the past, and the rules will see to it that a man who applies for a position will get something for his money, and, if he gets a position, will secure him enough salary the first week to keep him from starving. There were, of course, reliable agencies under the old order of things, but they will not object to the new regime, and the sharks of the business cannot,

> ant many politician reat portion of their their own horns, but

some of the Boston statesmen. They want a municipal brass band that will provide free concerts during the summer, and, of course, incidentally toot on great occasions. This, with Mayor Quincy's suggestion, that there be established a department of music, consisting of a board of five members, will illustrate the kind of freak legislation that Boston may have dished up to her during the next two years. If we are to have municipal brass bands why not have a municipal baseball club, a municipal circus, and other amusement features? We have clowns enough to fill the demand when the circus is an established fact.

The resignation of Collector Warren of the port of Boston came as a genuine surprise to the politicians, partly because it is so seldom a man who gets comfortably fixed in a government position ever gets out of his own volition, and partly because no resignation was necessary. The collector's term expires about the middle of March, and he would have been replaced by George H. Lyman at that time anyway. If it makes Mr. Lyman feel any better to have it appear that he resigned, his resignation to take effect when his term expires, no one should begrudge him that satisfaction. His successor is a well known politician, ex-chairman of the Republican state committee, and fully competent to discharge the duties required of him down in the old stone building. Not only that, but he is a genial and approachable gentleman and will have the general confidence of the business community. The agitation started by the Ancient

and 'Honorable artillery looking to the better protection of historic old Faneuil Hall will bear good fruit for an investigation shows the structure to be in even a worse condition than was first charged. The plan to make the building fire proof and safe from other disaster is one that should appeal strongly and practically to civic pride and patriotism. As has been well said: "If the shocked expressions uttered by visitors from other cities of the Union who find this national historic shrine in its present unprotected condition could be collected. Bostonians would be startled a little way along the path to immediate and permanent protection of the sacred cradle." The time to save and preserve Fancuil Hall is the present; the future may be too late.

A gentleman was heard to say recently that "about all the people know about a newspaper is that they pay 2 cents for it, and after reading it throw it away." This may be true to a certain extent, but it surely cannot remain so for any length of time, judging from the number of newspaper men in Boston who have given addresses on the subject of 'The Press' during the present winter. Many of these lecturers have been heard before, but among recent comers upon the platform is Mr. Ernest L. Waitt of the Associated Press, whose talk upon "The Newspaper, Its History and Functions." has received merited praise in several New England cities this winter. Mr. Waitt is a newspaper man of experience, and few are better qualified to speak on this subject than he. Mr. Waitt was in the Berkshire hills during the stay of President McKinley and his party this fall, and was the personal guest of the president. In fact, of the score or more correspondents in Adams at that time, he was the only one to be the guest of the party on its memorable coaching trip through the valley. Mr. Waitt is to lecture before the Boston Young Men's Christian association on Monday, Feb. 21.

Lillian Russell has not yet decided as to her plans for next season. She is contemplating two offers, one to head a company presenting standard operas "Martha," "The Bohemian Girl" like and "Fra Diovolo," and supplemented by a body of talented singers. Another offer is to sing in Berlin and other European cities in German. Both ideas are pleasing to her, and she finds it difficult to make a selection.

Following "The Paradise Lost" at the Castle Square theater on Monday the 21st inst., there will be made a production of Sardou's brilliant society comedy, "Americans Abroad." This will be the first production of this celebrated play at popular prices in this city. It is just about 10 years since Julia

Marlowe made her first appearance as Parthenia in "Ingomar." Few actresses have won such distinction in so short a period. Fewer have worked so hard to deserve it.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac B. Rich, with their son Ralph, and Miss Stella Beard of Wilton, N. H., started for New York Monday, sailing from there Wednesday, Feb. 16, by the Quebec steamship line for the West Indies. They will be absent until April.

Four well known Boston actors are

members of the "Northern Lights" company, which is seen at the Bowdoin Square theater this week. They are E. D. Dennison, William S. Gill, Arthur Buchanan and Frank Allen. "The Woman in Black," by H. Grat-

tan Donnnelly, will be seen at the Columbia next week. It deals directly with certain interesting phases of political life in New York.

Everybody is going to the dogs this

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Blind Sights.

Calino meets the blind beggar on the Pont des Arts.

"How long have you been blind?" "More than 30 years."

"And you've staid on this bridge more than 30 years?' Yes. sir." "Gracious! How many people you must

have seen throw themselves into the river!"

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Charles Coghlau, the Well known English actor, walked down Broadway late one evening and was accested by a bright looking young man, neatly but very plainly dressed, who had about a two days' growth of beard on his face. He approached the actor in a most deferential manner and caused him to stop by the novelty of the way in which he asked for sims. The young man explained that he felt considerable diffidence in asking a gentleman to aid him in his financial dis tress, but M1. Coghlan looked kind heart ed, and therefore he would take the liberty to relate his troubles. He had only been in the city three days and by hard hustling had managed to secure a place to go to work the next morning. He hadn't any money to pay for his night's lodging or his breakfast. He did not care for that particularly, but he did want to go to his new place the next morning looking clean and neat. He would therefore be much obliged to Mr. Coghlan if he would kindly give him 10 cents with which to get shaved in

the morning. The story was so plausible that the actor, who is notoriously indifferent to the value of money, dipped into his trousers pooket and presented the young man with silver dollar and went on his way. About a week afterward, while going from the Lotos club to his hotel, Mr. Oghlan was accosted by the same young man on Fifth avenue, without being recognized. He was told the same story. Desiring to learn the real inside of this new scheme, Mr. Coghlan said nothing, but invited the young man to come with him to the cafe of the Hoffman House, where after sitting down at one of the tables he remarked: "See here, young man, you told me this

same story on Broadway the other night. and I gave you \$1. Now I want you to tell me all about this scheme while we

he gave vent to an uneasy laugh as he re-

"Well, mister, the drinks are on me, as I see you are 'on' to me. I have been working this scheme for nearly two years. I came to this city broke, and in two or three days secured a position, and, desiring to look clean and neat when I went to my new employer the next day, the idea came to me to ask a passarby to give me money enough to get shaved in the morn-The gentleman gave me 50 cents. and the idea struck me that if I could make money as easily as that I would be a fool to go to work all day in a store for \$8 or \$10 a week. So I kept it up and manage to pick up anywhere from \$25 to \$80 a week. I live in a boarding bouse where I pay \$8 a week for my board and have a few dollars for clothes and spending

"I have saved on the average for the last

the actur. "How do you always keep two days' growth of heard on your face?"

barber's hair clipper.'' Mr. Coghlan acknowledged the corn and

A young woman in Detroit, while enjoying a bicycle ride on Belle Isle, was much annoyed by a "masher" on a wheel, who persisted in attempting to engage her in conversation. Slackening her speed, she suddenly dismounted, and, leaning over her wheel, began to examine one of the pedals. He was off his machine in an instant. "Allow me to assist you," said. he. She said nothing, but releasing her wheel to him took his to hold, while he went down on his knees to the offending pedal. He was no sconer on his marrows, with his face to the ground, than she deftly extracted a hatpin and inserted the point into the rear tire of his wheel. By the time he had discovered there was absolutely nothing wrong with the pedal and that it was working as smoothly as mechanical skill and bicycle oil could make it the hatpin was resting inoffensively in its proper place. As she whirled merrily out the avenue a would be masher stood by his bicycle with a tire as flat as the proverbial pancake.—Exchange.

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THE MAINE CATASTROPHE.

The blowing up of the warship Maine on Tuesday night is a peculiarly unfortunate event. It is not only the most terrible naval accident, if accident it be, in the history of the nation, but it is likewise the most unfortunate event as to time and place of its occurrence. As to loss of life and property, the explosion ranks among the most fatal. TheBritish craiser Dolerel in the Straits of Magellan a few years ago was exploded as the result of coal gas and 143 ont of its crew of 150 were killed. The warship Huron in 1877 was wrecked off the North Carolina coast with a loss of 100 men. The Trenton and Vandalia, in 1889, were wrecked in a hurricane at Samoa and 51 lives lost. The British ship Victoria was rammed by the Camperdown in 1893, off Tripoli, and 353 officers and men drowned. In the explosion of the Maine about 260 out of a total crew of 354 officers and men have lost their lives, and numerous others have been seriously injured.

The terrific loss of life recalls the statements made by Senator Hale to the effect that the modern warship may prove almost as dangerous to these on board as to those whom it engages in conflict. These warships are veritable floating volcanoes, gigantic dynamite bombs. The terrific havoc which would be wrought in case of war, with all these modern engines of battle, these great fighting machines, is awful to contemplate. It should stem the tide of thoughtless and inconsiderate talk for war.

Whatever the cause of the accident, it is a national, yes, an international calamity. If it be the result of accident, it is most deplorable. If it be the result of treachery or criminal carelessness of men result of a plot either on the part of Span ish butchers or Cuban cranks, it is an offense that should be, and will be, vis ited with extremest punishment, The course of Captain Sigsbee of the Maine, in asking for a suspension of opinion audjudgment until the fullest investigation be made, is most level-headed and commendable. It is also significant. The course of the government, in promptly taking steps to make a most searching investigation of the causes for the calamity, is but another evidence of the wisdom and good judg. ment of President McKinley and Secretary of the Navy Long. The American people need have no fear but that the government will act wisely and promptly, whatever the cause of the accident may be found to be.

Such calamities appeal to the sympathy of the people not only of the nation primarily concerned but of the whole world. If it is discovered that Spanish subjects were responsible for the catastrophe, it will bring upon Spain the anger of the nations and will bring her to her knees, or else to her end. In the face of such calamities, the humanities of men, regardless of their nationality, are

The present is no time for ill-formed judgments, or ill-advised action.

HE DIDN'T SAVE THE COUNTRY.

An amusing description of how it feels to be a congressman is put into the mouth of a Massachusetts representative who is made to describe his feelings of anguish at enforced absence from the capitol for a fortnight during which reading the papers impressed upon him that the nation was passing through a series of crises that made his return to duty as imperative as was his absence. Leaving private affairs he rushed to Washington and dashed to the capitol, dreading rebuke from party leaders for having deserted and beling that he had betrayed his constituents. Determined to save the

country even at the 11th hour, he entered the House, and questioned the first intimate friend he met as to the situation. "Why, have you been away?" he asked. Receiving a mild affirmative, he continued: "Oh, well, you couldn't have chosen a better time. Everything is stagnating here. Nothing has been done, nothing has been said. Why it's been the dullest fortnight of the whole season. You were

lucky to be away." It is a picture of Congress as it is, full of words that sound big and dangerous, but which on the spot are so well understood and the sources so well appreciated that no harm is done. If the people of this and other nations really understood Congress, there would be no worry about foreign relations, but unfortunately Congress is taken seriously, -- Worcester Telegram.

CONDEMN PUBLIC FAITHLESSNESS

The New York Assembly has passed the zesolution censuring Senator Murphy for voting for the Teller bond-repudiating resolution and requesting him to resign. The Senate will pass the resolution. The case of Murphy is the more flagrant be-

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cause he not only deserted to the free silver party, but in 1896 a quarter of a million majority of the voters of New York expressed themselves against 16 to 1 and any form of national repudiation or robbery. But as Murphy was one of the patrons of the murderer, "Bat" Shea, no one is surprised at any of his derelictions from a high standard of public faith.

King Oscar of Sweden has placed an order for one of those brand new 1895

The social season is at its bight in the Klondike. They are mostly relief parties that are all the go, however.

All the labor conference at Milwaukee moves to strike out is federal injunctions, ten-hour working days and convict labor. Hon, W. Murray Crane struck the key-

note for the campaign of 1900, at the banquet of the Boston Marketmen's Republican club held on Tuesday evening. It is now at Toledo that the powers of

thirst are demanding open port o' Sundays. These irrigating incidents are but incidents common to every growing city.

Mr. Gladstone arises from his "dying bed" to make a trip-a terrestrial jaunt, too. It will take something more than newspaper correspondents to bring off the Grand Old Man's funeral.

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Shall a druggist be forbidden by law to recommend "our own make" above some patent preparation? The law proposed by the physicians would prevent him from prescribing anything whatever, and the trade is justly indignant. As a local druggist puts it, "From the minute we open the doors in the morning till we close at night, we are bemmed in by special laws. We never know whether we are to land in fail or in our homes again.' Probably no other business, except that of the saloon, has so much legislation directed at it. But there is little danger that the present bill will pass.

MAGIC WROUGHT BY RAIN.

Barren Australian Plains Suddenly Transformed Into Flower Gardens.

The whole of the interior of Australia is not, as some people appear to think, a desert It is traversed by river courses, such as those of the Finke, Barcoe and Warburton, all draining southward toward Lake Evre.

Nothing could be more striking than the contrast between the dry and wet season, states Professor Baldwin Spencer, who visited central Australia on a scientific mission. In the form

male over bare, stony plains, with scarcely a sign of plant or animal life The sun beats down hotly on shining flolds of brown and purple stones, crossed every now and then by thin bands of dreary looking mulga trees.

Such plants as there are are comparatively few and far apart. As to the animals, they have to survive as best they can; ants, flies and grasshoppers exist in countless numbers and afford food to lizards, and perhaps smaller marsupial rats

In the rainy season, which may only occur once in 18 months, everything is changed. From the highlands in the center and from every range of hills the water rushes down in torrents. Vast areas, previously impassable by reason of drought, now become impassable from flood. With in a few hours the whole scene is changed. The water has loosened the hard ground and countless animals have appeared.

Clay pans and water holes are noisy with the croaking of frogs; crustaceans hatch out with wonderful rapidity from eggs which have lain on the dry ground for, it may be, many menths; small mellusks buried in clay are released, and every inhabitant of land and water sets to work to make the best of its short life.

The ground within a day or two is green with the leaves of countless seedlings, which grow rapidly; birds appear as if by magic, and the once dry and silent country is now bright with flowers and foliage and animals, all decked out in their liveliest colors.

After perhaps a few days the rains cease and the waters quickly become confined to the river channels, scouring out holes here and there, where a small supply will remain for a time after the shallower parts have all dried up.

As the water disappears everything roturns to its arid state, and it is only those animals and plants that have succeeded in reaching a sufficiently far advanced stage of growth that have any chance of surviving. The weaklings among the plants are quickly killed off.—Pall Mall Gazotte.

Judge Harlan's Trest.

Judge Harlan is the most dignified man on the supreme bench when he is on the bench. His gigantic figure looms up above the others like a giant among pygmies. He sits next to Chief Justice Fuller, and the contrast is pronounced. When he is not in court, Justice Harlan plays golf, walks, romps with his grandchildren and

his dogs and onjoys life thoroughly. One day he delayed a street car several minutes while he and his little granddaughter drove back the dogs that were bent on following them to the depot. On the car the nurse rebuked the little girl for chewing gum. "Why, grandpa gave it to me. He chews gum, and I can do what grandpa does." "Of course you can," said the judge. "Here is enough to last you all the way to Chicago." And be took ont a big package of chewing gum and tucked it away in the little girl's satchel. The other passengers smiled, and the nurse was silent. The judge and his granddaughter continued to chew gum in absolute indifference to all the test of the street car

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TOUGH POLITICAL PATH OF THE HON. BERNARD J. YORK.

The New World's Most Powerful Police Official Must Conduct Himself Circumspectly if He Would Retain His Present Supremacy In Brooklyn-His Personality.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 .- [Special.]-Students of local political evolution are just now watching the course of the Hon. Bernard J. York, Tammany police board president, undoubtedly the most powerful police official in America, with an immense amount of interest. Beyond question he has a most difficult political road

"Barney York began his political career at a very low level," said a New York Tammany leader today. "Until he was placed at the head of the new New York's police machinery his official places were of comparatively minor importance, his rank and pay never having been higher than those of a clerk in the municipal government of Brooklyn. He owed his first place to Hugh McLaughlin, the transpontine boss. McLaughlin had a pretty fair idea of York's abilities when he got him appointed and did not hesitate to put him at organization work at once.

'At first York's services were of the most elementary nature, being chiefly those of a messenger who could be trusted with minor political secrets. Little by little, as he showed that he could be depended upon to keep his mouth shut, it was ventured to try his diplomatic and executive powers on a small scale. His first commissions along these lines were carried out without a hitch and then came more delicate work. So, advancing step by step, he gradually came to be regarded as exceedingly clever and useful. At the same time there was little or no thought that York was likely himself to aspire to the director's place, and the mere suggestion of such a purpose prior to the organization of the present city government would have led to some exceedingly vigorous

Can He Be a Real Leader?

"I don't mean to say that this kicking would have been universal by any means. On the contrary, there are many Brooklyn Democrats, McLaughlin being one, who have long believed in York's ability to rise to higher levels than he has yet reached. But there have been considerable number who could only think of Barney York as a small benchman. "Well, the organization of the present

city government came. In recognition of his services and at the request of McLaughlin, York was put in the place he now fills. And, of course, his troubles began at once. Having been raised to his present important post by the grace of Richard Croker, it has been only natural that York should do all in his power to further Croker's desires and to cater to his personal comfort. When Croker took up the Democratic club, it was policy for the police board president to become a member. It was policy, too, for him to join in many other schemes of the Tammany boss.

"Now, all these things are well enough providing they are managed discreetly. Croker evidently believed York born to be the Brooklyn leader or he would never have been put in so fat and so responsible a place. And no doubt both York and his friends feel highly flattered by Croker's obvious confidence in his ability and energy. It is perfectly clear, however, that Croker would not have put him to the front unless he had thought it likely that York could not only maintain his present supremacy in the borough of Brooklyn, but increase it to the point of invincibility.

"York's present troubles arise partly from the fact that Croker's favors to him have aroused bitter jealousies among certain Brooklyn Democrats and partly from a somewhat general fear that in his zeal to serve the New York boss he will neglect the wishes and rights of his own people. "You can easily see that such a situa-

tion must be a trying one, requiring patience, diplomacy, ingenuity and self con-One or two of these qualities will not suffice to carry York through; he must have them all. Moreover, the political work necessary to carry his point must be superimposed upon his work as president of the police heard, or vice versa, as you choose to put it. It would tax a common man's entire ability and capacity to perform either York's official or political duties, and therefore the qualities of extraordinary administrative aptitude and exceptional physical endurance must be added to those I have mentioned, if he is to come out with flying colors.

"There are many who think he will fail in political management, and these refer to his recent virtual defeat at the Brooklyn primaries in support of their views. But there are others who predict that he will win hands down! As for myself, I can only say that his chief danger, it seems to me, lies in an almost resistless tendency to pay too much attention to Tammany and too little to Brooklyn."

York's Personality.

Bernard J. York is rather an ordinary looking man of medium size. He wears a brown mustache, and what there is left of his bair is also brown. His dress is neat, but not gaudy. His movements and facial expression denote alertness and his talk is shrewd. He may properly be described perhaps as a typical Irish-American in looks and speech. Being dependent upon his own efforts when a young man, he was not able to secure much of the training of the schools, but he has been a keen student of men and affairs as he has seen them, and this has gone a long way to make up for this lack.

He believes thoroughly in the machine in local politics, and his dislike for the kicker against the machine's programme amounts almost to contempt, as he showed at the convention held to reminate candidates for places in the new municipal government last fall. A resolution had been adopted by the Democrats of the borough of Brooklyn that the solid vote of the delegation should be east by Mr. York as chairman. When it came time to do the balloting, a certain Brooklyn delegate filed a vigorous objection, declaring the plan to be an outrago. He believed every delegate should be privileged to vote to nominate such men as he thought would best fill the offices. The unit rule, he said, could result in nothing less than distranchisement of some members of the delegation. York was on his feet in an instant.

"Put that man out of the hall!" he "He has no right here, and he

should be suppressed. Then he uttered a few flery remarks that made his attitude toward kickers exceedingly plain to all, after which the unit rule was enforced, as agreed upon.

York's demand that the kicker be put out was not complied with, however. DEXTER MARSHALL

Chief Consul Sterling Elliott of Massachusetts will advocate the passage of a wide tire law at the next session of the legislature of his state.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

STATE HOUSE, Boston, Feb. 15, 1898. The Committee on Railroads will give a hearing to parties interested in a bill to rant to all express companies equal privileges on railroads in this state (House bill No. 495); also a bill relative to express business upon railroad and steamboat lines (House bill No. 608), at room No. 446. State House, on Wednesday February 23, st 10.30 o'clock a. m.

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on the line of the electric road, west, are for many reasons considered very choice. They are on high ground, facing south, affording one of the finest views in this valley, and are large, being 75x200. There are five safer to buy it now if you are looking | lots remaining on the north side of the street, five having already been

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Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Lancue of 10 West River street, died Wednesday of membrancous croup.

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schools this morning as the teachers were unable to reach the buildings before noon--A roster of C. D. Sanford post, the Fitchburg. Sons of Veterans and the Woman's Re-

ciate members of the post. -The regular meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance union will be held in the Methodist church parlor tomorrow afternoon at 8 o'clock. A large attendance is desired, as delegates will be chosen

Pittefield Tuesday, February 22. .-The class in physical culture which began work Monday under Miss Sutton's instruction will meet for its second lesson Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the kindergarten room in the O'Brien block, Union street. Any oteers desiring to join the class may come to the room at 2,30

-Miss Florence Babcock of Chase avenue en ertained friends at whist Wed_ nesday evening. There were four tables and the playing was to the "order of the whistle." The first prizes were won by Miss Leone Church and Floyd Irving, and the consolation prizes went to Miss Edna Reynolds and Charles Green. Refresh-

ments were served. Adams, Mass., postoffice, February 16. Mrs. A. Bouan, Mrs. Victoria Duprey, Hercull Brasseau, Arthur Bryant (2), Oilver Baure, John DeWitt, Mr. Frinch, Elmore Hunter, Jos. Langlois, C. I. Mack, Louis Moore, Edward C. Mack, Edward Quinlan, O. L. Steels, Chas. Wood, Ed-

mund Wheeler, Nugioto Giocuinto. .-The Father Mathew society of Pittsfield are working earnestly for the repeal of the Military law prohibiting cadet companies from carrying arms and the local society is also interested. The bill comes up before the legislature today and a delegation from the Pittsfield society accompanied by Mayor Whiting, went to Boston. If the present law is repealed the Pittsfield society will try and make prize drilling the leading attraction at the diocesan field day to be held in Pittsfield next Labor day. Representative Mackin of Hinsdale, a prominent member of the temperance society there, has been doing The Royal is the highest grade baking powder bown. Actual tests show it goes onethird further than any other brand.

-Mrs. Harris of Bracewell avenue was burned severely on the arm this morning by a store. -Mrs. C. Q. Richmond entertained a

number of friends at a musicale yesterday afternoon. -A meeting of the members of the Y.

M. C. A. red, white and blue contest with be held tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. -Robert Nichols, a clerk in Bartlett's drug store, burned his left hand seriously while lighting a lamp last night at his home. -The ladies' auxiliary of the Caledon-

ian club will give an entertainment in their hall tomorrow evening, and has prepared an attractive program. -The basket ball games in Odd Fel-

unusually exciting, especially the match between Drury and the Knights, where one team must lose its first game. The Odd Fellows and Association will play the second match. -The lively town of Adams has raised

\$208 for the suffering Cubans. We hope to hear more about that plan to have the school children take hold of it in Pittsfield. If the youngsters take hold of it, it won't be long before their elders will join in the work.—Pittsfield Eagle. -The new penny postage stamp has

been on sale at the local postoffice for about a week. The color is light green and it is a pretty stamp. The Postal union at its last meeting decided to make the penny, two-cent and five-cent stamp correspond in color, the first being light green and the second about the same as the present two-cent stamp. None of the new five-cent stamps have yet been received at the local office and what the shades will be remains to be seen.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

George L. Clewell of Pittsburg, Pa., who had been the guest of T. D. Joyce for a few days, left for his home Wednesday afternoon.

T. D. Joyce, who travels for the Nonotuck Silk company, started out Wednesday after a brief visit to his home in this Mr. and Mrs. George Hull returned

Wednesday to their home in Berlin, N. Y., after a short visit with friends in this J. W. Callahan, a graduate of Bliss

Business college, has taken a position with the Greylock Shirt company of Miss Anna Moore of this city is visiting

Kittle Moore has returned from a visit to L. W. Davis returned today from a business trip to New York.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Miller of Wallingford, Vt., are guests today of Mr. and

Mrs. C. T. Fairfield. Mr. Miller is one of the railroad commissioners of Vermont. Murray Santord, who has been suffering with rheumatism for some time, will close his photograph gallery and start

next Monday for Florida, where he will remain till April 1. Mr. Sauford will go to Clarcoma, where F. J. Lyon is stop-

George M. Darby left today for South Carolina for a months' stay in search of

Miss Bertha Mitchell will leave Friday for Troy, N. Y., to attend the wedding of

Daniel Ackert of this city has returned from several days passed in Boston and

How to Print a Book.

How properly to plan or print a book is not to be taught in an essay or even in a volume. As well try to give a formula for the painting of a picture or the writing of a poem. It must be presupposed that the planner of a new book is familiar with well printed books, that he has some knowledge of the processes of printing and that he will take counsel with experts. Refusal to seek this counsel often leads to serious consequences.

An author who insisted on being his own publisher began an expensively illustrated quarto, before a page was put in type, by ordering the full page illustraand Miss Sutton will give them the work | tions to be printed in an improper position on the leaf. In disregard of another protest from the typographic printer, he insisted on faulty margins about the pages of type. When the sheets were gathered by the binder, the complete book showed too much back margin for the type and too little for the illustrations. The binder had to cut off the backs of the folded sections, to reduce all the print to single leaves and to resew each leaf by an expensive and unworkmanlike method. So treated, the book barely passed acceptance. The lost time, wasted paper, increased cost and had workmanship could have been avoided if the author had formed a plan and counseled with an expert.-Theodore L. De Vinne in Outlook.

Her Method.

Uncle Bob-Yes, my wife allus b'lieved in tyin a string to her finger to remember

Uncle Bill-She has one on her finger most of the time, I notice. Uncle Bob-Yes, 'ceptin when she has somethin very pertikler to remember; then she leaves off the string, an when it ain't there she remembers why .- Odds and

Not a Confession. "Did be confess his love?"

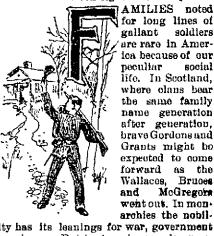
"I don't think so. From what I know of the affair I am inclined to think that she drew it out of him by cross examination."-Chicago Post.

Winning race horses are generally bays, Shestnuts or browns, and for every 100 have among them there are 50 chestnuts and 30 browns. There is no record of an important race being won by a pichald.



Two Brothers of Sectel-Irish Lineage Feb. lowed the Flag.-Thirteen Sons Worthy Heroic Sires-A Martyr For Each Year

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'are rare in Amerion because of our peculiar social life. In Scotland, where clans bear the same family name generation after generation, brave Gordons and Grants might be expected to come forward as the Wallaces, Bruces and McGregora went out. In monarchies the nobil-

fused.

ity has its leanings for war, government or science. But in America war is an accident and soldiering not a profession, but a duty. Those were worthy sons of heroic sires who took down the swords of Nathanael Greene and Light Horse Harry Lee when destiny sent forth the cry "To arms, ye brave!"

It was to be expected that in the south. where the social order is aristocratic, great families would become distinguished in the civil war. But to a middle class family of the north, the Scotch-Irish McCooks of Ohio, belongs the honor of giving to the sorvice the greatest number of closely related soldiers recorded in the annals of any American war. Two brothers, John and Daniel, natives of Cannonsburg, Pa., living in Ohio when the war broke out, sent 18 sons to the war whose records are known, and served themselves to the best of their ability. Daniel was killed at tho age of 65 and three of his eight soldier sons died by the hands of the enemy. John and his five soldier sons survived the war. Living as they did among people given

to the use of Bible types, it was natural that these McCooks should be divided by the popular voice into the "tribe of Dan" and the "tribe of John." Taken together the war history of these fighting tribes is remarkable. Four of the eight sons of the tribs of Dan reached the rank of general and two of the tribe of John. Two of the tribe of Dan had been trained to the profession of arms and one of the tribe of John. No doubt this fact had much to do with determining the fates of the others when the country was called to In that crisis brother emulated arms. brother and cousin. The glory of the name must be sustained and just as the blood of an Ellsworth stirred the spirit of vengeance so the death of one of a family made soldiers out of every true man of his tribe. At the first battle of Bull Run Daniel saw his second youngest boy, a youth of 18, shot down. What son remaining could withstand the mute appeal of that father's tears while he spoke of the hour when the blood of his blood was poured out for the flag?

The tidings of the death of Charles Morris McCook, who served as private in the Second Ohio, reached the ears of Daniel. Jr., at Leavenworth, Kan., where he was practicing law. With a volunteer company which he had drilled he took the field in a Kansas regiment and fought under the heroic Lyon at Wilson's creek, the first pitchad battle of the west. At Shiloh he was chief of staff of the Army of the Ohio when it saved the day for Grant. In the subsequent battles of the west he served as colonel and brigadier general until the hour of his most glorious death on the slopes of Kenesaw. - Sherman selected him to lead in that grand but useless assault and at the first dash his brigade followed him to the Confederate works. Two of his regi-Miss Mary Condron of Pittsfield. Miss | ments, the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth and Eighty-sixth Illinois, met with the severest regimental loss in the three divisions which took part in the assault. While waiting for the signal to charge Colonel McCook repeated to his men the first stanza from Macaulay's poem, "Horatius at the Bridge:"

Oh, how can mon die better Than facing fearful odds For the ashes of their fathers

And the temples of their gods! Soon after passing the abatis with the



MAJOR DANIEL M'COOK. BEN. DANIEL M'COOK. GEN. A. M'D. M'COOK. GENERAL R. L. M'COOK. [Killed in Tennessee.]

his death he was promoted brigadier general for his brilliant courage in that dis-

astrous assault. It was not as Daniel, Jr., but as Daniel that the hero of Kenesaw died, for his father had been killed more than a year previous in defending the soil of Ohio from Morgan's raiders.

Daniel of Kenesaw was the last of the sons and the last of the fighting McCooks to die for the flag. The first to go was the boy at Bull Run. Then fell General Robert Latimer McCook, the victim of a war tragedy in the summer of 1802. It seemed that the McCooks had a martyr for each of the bloody four years-Charles Morris at Bull Run in July, 1861; Robort Latimer at the hands of partisans in August, 1869; Major Daniel, Sr., on the banks of the Ohio at the hands of Morgan's men, July 21, 1863 (anniversary of Bull Run), and General Daniel near Kenesaw, in 1864, also on the anniversary of Bull Run.

Robert L. McCook, met his death in a singular and most tragic manner. Many and various accounts of the affair have Burnside himself had protested against his own appointment and acted so chivelrously throughout that while the other generals had no confidence in him as the successor. of McClellan they sustained him, most loyally when it came to battle. General Franklin, who commanded the left wing of the Army of the Potomac at the battle of Fredericksburg, was made a scapegoat for the horrible disaster to the army on that field, but Burnside bad said to him after the battle, "Franklin, you held up my hands that day."

All the troops and the generals admired Burnside and felt for him in his situation. but when he was succeeded by Joe Hooker pationce and sentiment had been exhausted. The act seemed a direct slap in the GREAT INDEED.

face. Fortunately before that came some of the leading generals had been relieved,

among them Franklin. Franklin has

made no secret of the fact that he would

never have served under Hooker. Had he

been forced, to say so, as bluntly as Mar-

maduko did of Walker the quarrel would

not have been confined to Franklin and

Hooker. None of the corps commanders.

excepting perhaps Sickles, had confidence

in Hooker as chief, and had the question come up in a certain shape there would

have been revolt against him. When it

ministration was at its wits' ends to

smother the fire lying under the surface.

That accounts for Mende's appointment.

After Chancellorsville the commanders

were not chary about letting Hooker and

the administration know their views of

Hooker. General Couch, the communiter

of the Second corps, a very able soldier

and splendid man, was naturally the rep-

resentative of the protesting leaders. He

said boldly that he would no longer serve

under Hooker, and Hooker, instead of tak-

ing umbrage, begged hun to remain in the

army. He then stated that he would serve

under Meade, who was his inferior in

rank, but this was not until the command

had been offered to himself and firmly re-

Between Sickles and Meade there was

eternal war, so to speak, and it is no won-

GEN. G. K. WARREN. GEN. PHIL SHERIDA'N

the Irish in Phil Sheridan, a newcomes

the task of wagon guards with his splen

did 10,000 fighting horsemen. Burnside

Hancock was about the only great sol-

dier in the east that Meade did not quar-

among his men that his hand was always

on the butt of his revolver, no matter who

be was treating with. No one dared inter-

fere with Hancock, and when he sent word

to headquarters at Cold Harbor that he

would not take his corps in on the grand

charge ordered that settled the charge,

Hancock never suffered-for it, and years

afterward Grant declared that he was sorry

he ever ordered it. So Hapicock's insubor-dination was justified. But he only did

what Pope alleged Fitz John Porter had

done at Second Bull Run' and for which

The last great quarrel in the Army of

the Potomac was between Sheridan and

General G. K. Warren, commander of the

Fifth army corps. When this sad misun-

derstanding occurred, Sheridan was in

command of the forces sent out by Grant

to turn Lee's flank at Petersburg. War-

ren was there with his Fifth corps. Next

to Hancock, Warren was the favorite with

the old troops of the Army of the Potomac.

He had been with that army from the he-

ginning as a regimental, brigade, division

and corps leader. He was the savior of

Little Round Top at Gettysburg and had

headed in person some of the most bril

liant charges of the campaign to Rich

mond, a place the generals, as a rule, did

not rush into. At Five Forks Warren held

the post of honor with his division, charged

the Confederate line and turned it, giving

Sheridan's cavalry little to do but to ride

over deserted intrenchments. But Sheri-

dan ended the day by peremptorily remov-

ing him from the corps he had led so gal-

lantly during the days of blood from the

Wilderness onward and with which he had

won the final victory. The injustice killed Warren. A court of inquiry cleared him of all taint in the matter—in fact, crowned

signal battle service that he himself could

Vandevillany.

"You tell me," said the gentleman with

the bald wig, "that the man was taken

with jaundice and mortification set in? I

man with the pea green whiskers, "this

man was an Irishman, and he was morti-

fled on account of his color."-Cincinnati

"But, you see," explained the gentle-

don't believe it."

GEORGE L. KILMER,

be wanted him shot.

duct of its irascible commander.

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stonish the world. So many wonderful things have been discovered in the past century that it has seemed almost impossible that anything more could be found to add to the comfort or benefit of man. Probably no branch of science has made

such wonderful strides as have been made

in the practice of medicine. Diseases that

der that they came to two ways of thinka number of years ago were considered ing in the crisis at Gettysburg. Meade fatal, are now known to be curable. Even said to Sickles when he reported the chemy as active on the front, "Oh, you velunteers are always looking for attack!' Siekles looked upon Meade as a military pedagogne whose true place was in a cloister tenching milksops the theories of war. Perhaps the country lost nothing and risked little when these two generals had its destinies in their hands, but who shall say? Meade and Slocum, commander of the right wing at Gettysburg, also had a misunderstanding on that field, and Meade was compelled or constrained to make amends officially for statements in his first reports. Slocum was transferred to the west after Gettysburg, and Sickles also left the Army of the Potomac. Eut Meade's quarrels with subordinates did not end He removed Genoral Doubleday from com mand on the field at Gettysburg. Soon after the army started on its campaign to-

The consequence is that thousands have ward Richmond in 1864 Meade stirred up from the west, and thereafter these two were two, not one, as commander and

administer this potent medicine, Enough people have been able to assimilate cod liver oil to prove to the medical profession and the world at large, its intrinsic value. Such patients as were blessed with lieutenant should be. Sheridan took his orders from Grant after Meade set him to unusually strong stomachs derived benefit from cod liver oil. Why then, could not and Meade were always at variance and a form of it be devised, to be administered the gallant leader of the Ninth corps was to patients whose digestive organs had finally driven from the army by the conbeen weakened by disease. This is exactly what scientists and chemists have been siming at for years, rel with. But the "Superb" was a man and this is exactly what has been accomof the mold that wins the trust and respect of every one, and besides it was a saying plished by two prominent French chem-

America and our own Mr. C. C. Isbell of the Wilson house drug store has succeeded in connecting himself with the prominent firm of New York chemists | who are placing this new preparation on the market. The preparation in question, now that it has been discovered, like all other great inventions is simple. By a peculiar process the liver of the live cod is treated in such a manner that there is obtained an extract which contains all, and only all, of the curative properties that have made cod liver oil famous. The horrible smelling, nauseating tasting fat that has always been a part of this remedy, has been left entirely behind.

This curative extract is the basis of Vinol, which Mr. Isbell is presenting to the public. It is placed in a delicious table wine, and in itself being tasteless the consumer is unable to distinguish the fact that he is taking anything more than pleasant claret. Mr. Isbell has indeed struck it just right

in making arrangements to handle this new remedy, which goes under the name of Vinol-Wine of Cod Liver Oil. It is worth anyone's while to talk to him about it and to learn directly from him the good that is being done by finding a way to administer what has always been a horrible and much dreaded medicine, in a form that is actually pleasant, to say nothing of being a hundred times as efficient.

and it must stand. Right or wrong he had and Parrots. the power and use it he would and did to crush a fellow soldier of longer and more

store in Sixth avenue cannot have failed to notice the unrestrained movements of a big gray tomeat among the hundreds of oanaries, parrakeets, parrots, bullfinches and other feathered occupants of the store. Sir Thomas climbs leisurely from tier to tier and walks in and out among the little wooden cages with the mechanical regularity of a night watchman on his rounds. 'That cat has been here for five years, and he has never yet hurt a bird," explained the proprietor of the store to a patron who had expressed wonder at seeing a cat in such familiar association with its most tempting prey.

The Actor's Time to Retire. Joseph Jefferson has' at last answered that heary old conundrum as to when an actor ought to retire. The question was put to him, and he replied, "Well, counting the time for getting out of costume and the slowness of backmen. I think au never has had any other companions than

acter should retire at about 11:45."-Boston Herald. Snuff and Snuff Taking, A word in season to snuff takers. As the nerves of our postrils are so little protected, they are very delicate and sensitive. and when we take snuff all the nerves in the body are affected in sympathy. In consequence snuff taking, like smoking, has a narcotic effect upon the brain and naturaly acts upon the intelligence. Thus it can easily be seen that it weakens the memory. If we were to use it only as a | front of one particular eage and listen placmedicine or an occasional stimulant, there idly to the twitter or warbling of a bird. would be some advantage in using it. If used constantly, it inflames the nostrils birds? No, I don't thin' and may produce an incurable polypus. them impartially, alth To those who make blood quickly or are feeble or suffer from ulcers nothing can be more prejudicial. Snuff takers have weak sight. In short, it is a porntcious habit and one that should be

A Kind Offer. Highwayman-Your money or your life!

Poet-Money I have none, but if you will tell me some of your adventures I will write them down and divide the profits with you.—London Tit-Bits.

became necessary to remove him, the ad- Mr. C. C. Isbell, Druggist of Our

Nowadays it takes considerable to

cotsumption is no longer looked upon with the dread that it formerly inspired. It is right on this line of westing diseases that we now have news of a wonderful discovery-one that is bound to revolutionize the science of medicine and startle the world. Everyone is familiar with methods that have been employed by physicians for years, in cases that they were arraid would develop into a decline. In all troubles of the throat, lungs, bronchial tubes and other similar ailments tuat were known to end disastrously about the first thing the doctor would do would be to recommend cod liver oil, for ced liver oil has been recognized for a great many years as possessing peculiar medicinal properties particularly adapted for the cure of such t oubles.

Everyone knows the objection, however, to the use of this nauseating remedy. So extremely disagreeable is the taste and mell of cod liver oil that many people have actually been unable to take a single dose of it. Many others have made heroic efforts to take the medicine, but have been obliged to abandon it atter struggling with the horrible stuff for a

drifted into incurable diseases who might have been saved, had it been possible to

ists. Their secret has been brought to

CAT IN A BIRD STORE.

him as the hero of the day. But Sheridan refused to recall his act. He had done it Big Gray Feline a Companion to Canaries

Persons who have visited a certain bird

"Is your cat especially trained to the care of birds?" asked the patron. "No. Josh has never had any training. He was given to me when about 6 weeks old, and he has grown up in the store. He

birds and he seems to think that he is here for the purpose of watching over them. In all the years that I have had him Josh has never shown a disposition to attack or injure a bird. One peculiarity about him is that he will not make friends with other cats. The only time that he appears ugly is when strange cats come near him. He always drives them away. The birds seem to like Josh, although once in awhile a parrot will scold at him noisily for some fanoled offense. The canaries and bullfluches seem to like to talk to him. Sometimes he will sit for 10 or 15 minutes in "Has Josh any favorites among the has. He treats

he undoubtedly prefers the society the song birds to that of the parrots. The squawking of the parrots annoys him, but he puts up with the annoyance more calmly than a human being would. One parrot in particular fought against vigorously .-- New York

Lynfield, a town not a great ways from Boston and frequently reached by train, has no doctor, no lawyer, no policeman, no "-Now York Times.

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To the Honorable the Justices of our Superior Court holden at Pittsfield, within and for 'h-County of Berkshire:
Respectully libels and represents Peter D. Blake o. North Adsms. in said County, that he was lawfully married to Emma Blake now supposed to be of Walpole. N.H.. at Gardner, Mass, on the thirtsenth day of January. 1891: and thereafterwards your libellant and the said Emma Blake lived together as husband and wife in this Commonwealth, to wit; at said North Emma Blake lived together as husband and wife in this Commonwealth, to wit; at said North Adams; that your libellant has, always been faithful to his marriage vows and oblications but the said Emma Blake, being wholy regardless of the same, at said North Adams on or about the Fifth day of August, 1895, committed the crime of adultery with a certain person whose name is to your libe lint unknown, and on divers other days, bety a new said marriage with him and this date, committed the crime of adultery with divers lewd men to your isellant unknown.

Wherefore your libellant prays that a divorce wherefore your liberant prays that a divorce from the bonds of matrimony may be decreed between your liberant and the said Emma Blake, and that such other orders and decrees may be made in the premises as to your Honors may seem meet and proper.

Dated the 2nd day of February, 1808.

Peter D. Blake.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Berkelitess. Superior court at Pittsfield.

February 5th, A. D. 1898.

Upon the foregoing libel—Ordered, that the
Libeliant notify the Libeliee to appear before
the Justices of said superior Court, at our Clerk's
office in Pittsfield, aforesaid on the first Monday
of April next, by causing an attested copy of
sare Libel, and of this order thereon, to be pubished in the North Adams Transcript, a newspaper printed in North Adams. In said County,
once a week, three weeks successively, the last
publication thereof to be fourtien days at least
before the first Monday of April next; and
also by causing an attested copy of said Libel
and Order, to be sent by letter, registered, if
practicable, to the last known residence of the
Libeliee, that she may then and there appear.

Libelies that she may then and there appear, and show cause, if any she has, why the prayer of said Libel should not be granted. PRANK H. CANDE, Clerk. A true copy, Attest, FRANK II. CANDE, Clerk.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. To all persons interested in the estate of Stephen Department, late of Williams town in said County,

C. Pratt, late of Williamstewn, in said County, deceased;
Whereas, William O. Adams, the administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowan o the first account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a probate Court to be held at Pittsheid, in said County on the first day of March, A. D. 1818, at ten o'clock in the forencon to show cause, it any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

being would. One parrot in particular seems to regard it as his mission in life to prevent Josh from sleeping. Whenever this parrot eatches sight of the cat asleep he sets up a racket that almost alarms the neighborhood. Half a dozen times I have been en the point of hitting the squawker on the head with a club, but Josh always takes it very coolly and moves out of range of the parrot's vision.

"Well fed? Yes, indeed. We feed Josh on the best the market affords, and he is never allowed to go hungry. Perhaps that is one reason why he never attacks the "-New York Times."

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And said administrator is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in \$\frac{1}{2}\$ estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same shouth Adams, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, court, this eighth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-cight.

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FRED R. SHAW, Register.

To the Honorable the Justices of the Superior Court holden at Pittsfield, within and for the country of Berkshire:— Respectfully lifes and represents Delina Las' Respectfull, li es and represents Delina Las' sonde of North Adams in said County; that she was lawfully married to Magloire Lassonde, now of othempton, Mass., at Holyoke, Mass., a the sixteenth day of september, 1861, and thereafterwards your libellaut and the said Magloire Lassonde, lived treether as husband and wife in this Commonwealth, to wit, At said North Adams; that your libellant has always been faithful to her marriage vows and obligations, but the said Magloire Lassonde, being wholly regardless of the same, at said North Adams has been guilty of extreme cruelty towards her and on divers days between her said marriage with him and the said ecommitted the crime of adultery with divers lewd women to your libellant unknown.

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from the bonds of matrimony may be decreed by men your libe lant and the said Marloire la Sonde, and that such other orders and de rees may be made in the premises as to your hunors may seem meet: a l proper.

Dated this Second day of February, 1898.

Del na Lassonde.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. To the theriffs of our several counties, or their

To the therifis of oir several counties, or their Departies:
GREETING:—

We command you to summon Magloire Lassonde now of Northumpton, "lass., if he may be found in your precinct, to appear before our Justices of our superior Court, at our Clerk's office in Pitisteld, within our said County of Herkshire, on the first Monday of March next, then and there in our said Court to answer unto the Libel of his wife, Delina Lassonde, of North Adams, in said (ounty of Perkshire, this day filed in the office of the Clerk o our said Court at Pittsfield, wherein the hiellant prays for a divorce from the bonds of matrimony between hir self and the said Magloire Lassonde, for the the right and the said Maglore Lassonde, for the cuse of extreme cruelty and adultery, as is more relly set forth in said libel, a copy whereof is

hereto annexed

Hereof fast not, and have you there this writ, with your doings therein.
Winess, Albert Mason, Esquire, at Pittsfield,
the Fifth day of February, in the year 1898.
FRANK H. CANDE, Clerk.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Berkshire ss. Protate Court.

To the heir-at-law, and all other persons interested in the estate of Nathaniel Chamberlin, late of Williamstown, in said county, deceased.

Wiercas, Charles H. Prindle, administrator with the will annexed of the estate of 15 d doceased has pre-orted to said Court his petition for license to sell at public auct on the whole of parcels of the 161 estate of said ucceased for the parment of dens iegacies and charges of administration. It did not other reasons set forth in said petition.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Pittsfield, in said County of Berkshire, on the first day of March A.D. 1898, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this clation by delivering a copy thereof to each personance in each usek for three successive weeks.

once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the North Adams Daily Transcript, a newspaper published in North Adams, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court.
Witness, Edward T. Slocum, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this (eighth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight.

FRED R. SHAW, Register.

Is your Watch out of order?

Does the sitting-room or kitchen clock fail to regulate family duties properly? Then bring them to me, or have me call for them. 1 am experienced in such work. Have about all of it I can attend it.

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for the county convention to be held in

which the class took on Monday. -List of advertised letters at the North

wors in the matter and the temperance people think there is a good chance for

THIS WEEK SATURDAY JANUARY 19.

the repeal of the law.

November 21, 1897. AT GREENFIELD.

> Fitchburg Railroad. Corrected Nov. 15, 1897.

Train Arrive From East-10.08, a. m. 12.10, 1 34, 5.00, 18.05, 11.45, c2.89 p. m.

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lows' hall this evening promise to be Leave North Adams—9.15, *6.35, 7.00, 7.45, 8.30, 9.15, 10.00, 10.45, 11.80 a. m. 12.15, 1.15, 1.45, 2.15, 2.45, 8.15, 3.45, 4.18, 4.45, 5.15, 5.45, 6.15, 6.45, 7.15, 7.45, 8.15, 8.45, 9.15, 9.45, 10.15 *10.45.

VILLIAMSTOWN LINE

Leave North Adams—530, 600, 700, 745 839, 910, 1000, 1040, 1130, s. m. 12 15 15 145, 215, 245, 315, 345, 415, 445, 515, 545, 615, 645, 715, 745, 845, 845, 915, 945, 1015.

BEAVER LINE.

To Zylonite only. On Saturday and Sunday commencing at 1,23,

Stages NORTH ADAMS AND READSBORO.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

was entertained this week by Mrs. Albert Whitham of East Main street. -The 15-cent supper at the Universalist church Wednesday evening was well at-

date local people who wish to attend the 22d annual Alert ball at Adams Friday -Laura, the two-years-old daughter of

-David Roberts has been re-engaged as organist of the Baptist church in Pittsfield and his salary has been increased -There was no session at some of tha rooms in the Braytonville and Blackinton | a couple of triends.

lief corps will soon be printed. The roster will also contain the names of the asso-



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Local News!

READSBORO ITEMS.

-Mrs. Houghton has been visiting in Massachusetts the past week and A. C. Niles has been in charge of the post office. -Maj. Hendershot, the drummer boy of the Rappahannock, and son will give an entertainment at Muschall, March 3, assisted by local talent. The G. A. R. have the affair in charge and promise a good entertainment.

-About 50 friends gave Miss Lottie Brown a surprise party Saturday evening previous to her going to the Albany business college. A gold watch chain and souvenir spoon were presented Miss Brown by Miss Iola Keyes in behalf of the company. Titus Stowe served the company with warm sugar on snow and all had a "sweet time in the bee hive tonight,"

-Mrs. Mary Bishop, cook at the Goodell house, was called to Greenfield Friday by the death of her brother.

-Mr. and Mrs. John D. Waldron will conduct services in Sherman February 23 and 25 and in South Readsboro the 22d and 24th, in the school house in both vil--C. E. Whitney has been sick several

days and L. D. Blanchard has served Mr. Whitney's customers with milk. -T. D. Goodell will dedicate his new

store building with a dance Tuesday evening, February 22. Music will be furnished by Brown's orchestra of five pieces and J. G. Brown of Shelburne Falls will prompt-With ordinary winter weather there will be a large attendance. Supper will be provided at the Goodell house. -Clinton Barker has finished work for

E. J. Bullook & Co. and returned to his home in Whitingham.

-Rev. and Mrs. Alger were called away last week by the illness of his uncle and no morning or evening services were held at the Baptist church Sunday. -Rev. C. E. Cahee was called to

Number Nine Friday to officiate at the marriage of Henry Reed and Mrs. J. C. Stimpson.

-The auditor's report of town affairs has been completed and is now being printed. -Members of the Catholic society will

give an entertainment at Music hall next Monday evening, assisted by the city

-The warrant for a town school meetng has been posted. It comes the same day of the annual town meeting, March 1.

MONROE.

Mrs. C. N. Beers who has been caring for her daughter and little grandson resurned to Florida, Tuesday. L. L. Sumner has purchased the Stafford

farm at the foot of Florida mountain and intends moving there April 1. W. N. Beers of Florida visited friends in

town this week. Mr. Haley from North Adams has moved onto the Hicks farm.

Miss Fannie Burnett of Savoy is workng at W. L. Allen's, as is also Merritt

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Allen, January 24. He is a grandson to Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Beers of Florida.

Hany People Cannot Drink Coffee at night. It spoils their sleep. You can drink Grain-O when you please and sleep like a top. For Grain-O does not stimulate; it nourishes, cheers and feeds. Fet it 'ooks and tastes like the best coffee For nervous persons, young people and children Grain-O is the perfect drink Made from pure grains. Get a package from your grocer today. Try it in place of coffee. 15 and 25c.

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An absolute cure for piles, A home remedy, endorsed by home people. North Adams druggists sell it.

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alled Grain-O. It is a delicious, appetizng, nourishing food drink to take the place of coffee. Sold by all grocers and liked by all who have used it because when properly prepared it tastes like the finest coffee, but is free from all injurious properties. Grain-O aids digestion and strengthens the nerves. It is not a stimulant but a health builder, and children, a well as adults, can drink it with grea benefit. Costs about 1 as much as coffee.

General Agency. Read the advertisement in another column. There's money in it.



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Both the method and results when Syrup of Figs is taken; it is pleasant and refreshing to the taste, and acts gently yet promptly on the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels, cleanses the system effectually, dispels colds, headaches and fevers and cures habitual constipation. Syrup of Figs is the only remedy of its kind ever produced, pleasing to the taste and acceptable to the stomach, prompt in its action and truly beneficial in its effects, prepared only from the most healthy and agreeable substances, its many excellent qualities commend it to all and have made it the most popular remedy known.

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SUGAR EATING NATIONS.

Figures That Indicate That Maritime Pecple Excel In Its Consumption.

The sugar crop of the world amounts in a normal year to about 8,000,000 tons, of which the larger part, about 4,500,000 tons, comes from beets and the balance, 3.500,000 tons, from sugar cane. Of the latter the largest proportion comes from the West Indies and a large amount from the island of Java. Among the countries producing best sugar Germany comes first with about one-third of the world's crop; then Austria with about as much, and then France, Russia and Belgium and Holland together, with substantially the same quantity.

Among scientists the opinion has been general that a moderate amount of sugar, like a moderate amount of ealt, should enter into the dletary of the people of each nation, but it is only when the figures of the consumption of sugar are examined that it is seen that the quantity consumed varies radically, and it is a curious fact that in those countries in which the maritime spirit—the spirit of navigation, commerce, travel and colonization-is strong. there is a very considerable consumption of sugar per capita, whereas in those countries in which these qualities are not predominant among the inhabitants the consumption is smaller. In England, first among the maritime nations of the world, the consumption of sugar is 86 pounds a year for each inhabitant. In Denmark it is 45, in Hoffand 31, in France 30 and in Norway and Sweden 25, whereas in Russla it is only 10, in Italy 7, in Turkey 7, in Greece 6 and in Servia 4. The consumption of sugar seems to have very little connection with or relation to the production of sugar, for in Austria, the sugar product of which is large, the average consumption is only 19 pounds, while in Switzerland, in which there is no production to speak of, it is 44. And another curious phase of the matter is that there is a great disparity in the consumption of sugar in the two tea drinking countries, England and Russia. The large amount of sugar consumed in France is attributed in part to the fact that the French confectioners and candy makers, and more especially those doing business in the city of Paris, use in their trade enormous quantities of sugar in a year, adding abnormally to the average consumption of sugar in the French republic .- New York Sun.

GOVERNMENT PAY DAY.

Every Department Goes on Its Own Hook In Remunerating Employees.

"One of the most peculiar things in connection with the department service,' remarked a disbursing officer, "is the almost entire absence of legislation regarding the question of when payments are to be made. The whole matter of paying is left with the head of each department, subject to any rules which he wishes to adont. and this is governed by custom rather than by direct or expressed law. Thus in some of the branches of the treasury department there are weekly pay days, notably in the redemption division, while in the others there are semimonthly pay days. In most of the branches of the other departments there are semimonthly pay days, though to the clerks of the headquarters of the army in the war department, who are paid by an army paymaster, there is but one pay in each month. Congress has been appealed to time and time again, to regulate pay days by legislation, but for some unknown

reason it has always refused. "Though there are now, and always have been, advocates of frequent pay days, it is not sure that weekly pay days are the best for department clerks. Getting their money in four parts, one-fourth each week, seriously interferes with them, for, as a rule, all of one week's money is expended by the time the next week comes around, leaving nothing to pay off their boarding house or rent bills, which come due every month. All through Europe department clerks are paid but once in three months. and it is said they manage to save more money by that method than is saved by those who receive their salary more frequently."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Trying to Wake Up Wordsworth. Alfred Tennyson's largeness of mind and of heart was touchingly illustrated by his reverence for Wordsworth's poetry, notwithstanding that the immense merits he recognized in it were not, in his opinion, supplemented by a proportionate amount of literary skill. He was always glad to show reverence to the "old poet." "Wordsworth," he said to me one day, "is staying at Hempstead in the house of his friend, Mr. Hoare. I must go and see him, and you must come with me."

As we walked back to London through grassy fields Tennyson complained of the uld poet's coldness. He had endeavored to stimulate some latent ardors by telling Wordsworth of a tropical island where the trees, when they first came into leaf, were a vivid scarlet; "every one of them, I told bim, is flush all over the island, the color of blood! It would not do. I could not influence his imagination in the least!"-Memoirs of Lord Tonnyson."

African Dwarfs.

The Akkas, or forest dwarfs of Central Africa, gave H. M. Stanley and his followers an immense amount of trouble in his last memorable expedition. These little "niggers" are a diminutive race of people about 4 feet 10 inches in height. They were continually harassing the explorer, who found them cowardly, treacherous and very expert in the use of poisoned arrows.

MARY ELLEN.*

Mary Ellen looked over the tops of her glasses as if deliberately summing up the merits and demerits of her visitor. Her faded, rather pretty face, outlined by crimped dark hair, gave no sign of agita-

"It's been 15 years, hasn't it?" she said, pondering. "Fifteen years," he assented, with

plaintive emphasis. He was a thin man, with a large, bulging forehead and a face tapering almost to a point at the chin. He pulled at his scanty brown mustache and looked at her as if waiting for an answer. His rather womanly hand was really pitiful in its

"You ought not to have wasted 15 years on me," she said, with a faint, tearful smile.

she meditated. Seems like it oughtn't

He shifted his feet on the floor in pro-"Fifteen years is a good long time."

just to go for nothing." She took off her glasses and touched the corners of her eyes with her handkorohief. 'Well,' she said meekly, "I can get on with 'most anybody and make myself satisfied with 'most anything. If you are so set on it as all that, I reckon this time I'll have to say yes.'

He looked at her for a moment as if dazed. His face shone as he caught her hands in his, and his chin trembled. "Mary Ellen!" he said.

She looked at him with the same tearful smile. "It certainly does sound funny, Mr. Haskins, to hear you call me 'Mary Ellen,' without any 'Miss.' It's mighty hard for settled people like us to

change in their ways." "You have always been 'Mary Ellen' to me," he answered rapturously, "no matter what I have called you. And now I've got you," he said, an exultant smile dawning on his face.

"Getting married is a mighty risky thing," she remarked. "But if we'll learn to have patience and do our duty I reckon we can manage to get along together."
"Yes, I reckon we can," he said hap-

pily.
"You certainly did hold on," she continued, with the air of one reviewing a game at which she had been beaten. 'Yes, and I was going to keep on holding on. I hadn't any notion of giving up, and I got you," he replied.

She removed her glasses and elaborately wiped her eyes. "It certainly does seem strange," she murmured. "It seems to me," she continued, with a mournful smile, "that some people take root, just like trees. That old sweet gum out yonder ain't a bit more rooted to this place than I am. I never did know how people could get up and leave the place where they were born and raised, but it's well everybody don't feel like I do or there'd be mighty little marrying done. The Todds ain't that way near as much as the Wattses. I get it from ma's people. It's right bad to be as set in your ways as the Wattses are. Now I couldn't any more call you anything but Mr. Haskins than I could fly, unless it came home to me that it was my duty to change. I don't think a person's got any right to think of their own feelings when a duty comes up. It's going to be uphill work with me getting into your ways, but I hope I ain't so bent on pleasing myself as some people. And you certainly do deserve something for the time you have waited." She looked at him with the air of a real martyr. He arose and stood irresolute for awhile

in silence, his face full of something akin to misery and remorse: "What's your hurry?" she asked.

"I reckon it is time for me to go. Good night, Miss Mary Ellen." he said. 'So you've taken up the 'miss' again?" she said, not without a shade of coquetry visible in her quiet face. "I wasn't find-

ing fault with plain 'Mary Ellen.' " Mr. Haskins sat staring into the fire in his own room, with an air of the most profound thought. He was obviously torn by conflicting emotions. The next afternoon saw him waiting upon the porch of Mary Ellen's home, a small frame house, gray from want of paint, but pleasant with grass and trees. It was an old landmark of Brownsville, of which quaint Virginia village the Todd family had for many gencrations been respected citizens.

Mary Ellen herself opened the door. saw you coming," she said, "and I thought I might as well save anybody else the trouble of coming to the door, as you were my company."

He shook hands with her in an odd, constrained way, and followed her in without a word.

"It's getting to feel like spring," she "I'll see the crocuses peeping up began. in the grass pretty soon, I reckon. The yard's full of them.'

"You've got a mighty nice yard here," he said, affecting to glance carelessly from the window. "I don't wonder you hate the window. She gave a faint sigh.

"You didn't think about leaving here and breaking up, and all that, when you said yes, did you?" be asked tremulously. She shook her head with gentle pathos. He sighed deeply, and his brow furrowed.

"Getting married is a mighty risky thing," he broke out, "and 'tis uprooting. I don't know but what I was too strong about urging it. I-I really ain't so set on it if it comes to that. I don't know whether 'twas fair to beg you into it. You just do what you want to do, without minding me in the least."

She sat rigidly in her chair for awhile in silence. "Things are very well as they are," she said coldly. "I'm not making any complaint."

"No, but you'd better think it over, Miss Mary Eilen. I'll let you off in a minute. It don't make a bit of difference about your promise. Don't you think you'd rather stay as you are?' She meditated over his words awhile

without speaking. "I'm not generally given to breaking my promises," she said. "But if I'm willing to let you off?" he asked. "I'll be gled to let you off if you want to be let off. Your promise ain't anything if I don't want to hold you to it. We are very well off as we are. You might find that a change was a change for the worse. Hadn't you rather let things be as they have been?"

Her lids reddened, but she said nothing. "Don't you mind about my wasting 15 years on you, as you call it. "Twa'n't wasted, if it all does come to nothing. got pleasure out of it all the time. And, then, I just used up odd times that wa'n't worth much for anything else. I believe 'twas that that made you say yes. Now, won't you think better of it?' he asked persuasivaly, Still she said nothing.

"You can beg a person into anything," he went on, "but it ain't right. I always was a regular beggar. When I was a lit-tle fellow, many and many a time I've begged for things that wa'n't good for me, and got 'em, and been sorry for it. Not that it wouldn't be good for me to get you," he hastened to add, shocked at the words, "but it mightn't be best for you. And I don't want to have it on my conscience that I begged you into it. What do you think of it, Miss Mary Ellen?" "I don't know what to think of it," she

said, scarcely opening her lips to speak. "Don't you mind about disappointing me. What is one disappointment, more or less, in this uncertain world?" A short, involuntary groan escaped him, but he coughed and went on with elaborate cheerfulness. "And 'twon't be your disappointing me. It'll be all my doing, don't

you see? If you feel like you oughtn't to

break your word and all that, I'll just

give right up myself, here and now. I'm

giving you up, not you giving me up."

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His face was radiant with the glory of renunciation She stared down at the carpet and spoke not a word.

"And now, if you ain't happy it won't be any fault of mine." He wiped his brow and drew a deep breath with an air almost of triumph. "That was a mighty short angagement, wa'n't it?" he added, with an unsteady little chuckle.

To glanced about him with a sprightly air. "Speaking of crocuses," he remarked casually, "they had a striped kind at our house last year that was mighty pretty. I wish now I'd thought to get you some roots, but the yellow ones are mighty pret. ty too. Did you ever see the striped kind. Miss Mary Ellenf" "I don't remember," she said briefly.

The subject so obviously failed to interest her that he cast around in his mind for another. "I'm glad the fruit trees have not been blooming so early this year," he observed. "If they held back a little longer, we'll have a good chance of a crop. Last year certainly was a bad year. You ain't feeling very well today, are you, Miss Mary Ellen?" he inquired, with tender solicitude. "I reckon you didn't sleep very well last night," he suggested, waiting for her answer. She did not speak.

"I was mighty troubled myself," he continued. "But don't you worry about that now. That is all over. There ain't a sparrow hopping out yonder in the trees that's any freer than you are. And as for taking back your word"-The muscles around her mouth worked

for a moment, "I haven't taken back my word," she said. "No, of course not," he assented cordially. " 'Tain't your way to take back your word. That's the reason I take the

back track in it myself." He arose and offered her his hand. "Well, I reckon I'd better be getting His hand closed convulsively over her limp fingers, and a pang of pain shot over the thin face that betrayed his emotion. He looked at her wistfully. "I ain't

The household wondered at the cessation of the visits of "Aunt Mary Ellen's beau," but no explanation was forthcom-

saying that I ain't sorry it couldn't be," he said.

"Where's Mr. Haskins, Mary Ellen?" her sister ventured. "Don't you reckon he's sick or something?" Mary Ellen winced. "I haven't heard

anything about his being sick," she said. She was standing at the window looking down the street. She drew back with a little flush on her face, but with studied deliberation. "There he is now," she said, "but maybe he's just passing." She cast an eye on the glass and touched her hair with agitated fingers. "You let him in, Fanny Belle," she said to her young niece, who regarded her in silence. "I ain't

quite ready." She paused a moment at the foot of the stairs, as if to catch her breath before she

entered. He was standing, looking eagerly at the door. They shook hands in solemn silence. "Have you got real well, Miss Mary

Ellon?" "I haven't been sick," she said. The subject admitted of no more dis-

cussion. "Fanny Belle is getting to be a mighty pretty girl," he began again. "Don't these young ones grow up fast? She'll play the wild with these young fellows before long. She's mighty like what you used to be,"

"Ah!" she said. "How's Mrs. Waggoner, Miss Mary Ellen?" "Sister Mely is very well, I thank you,"

ebe answered. He pondered for awhile in silence. haven't seen you all for right long," he observed in an offhand manner.

She made no reply. "I thought maybe somebody had been sick or something had been bothering you," he suggested

She said nothing for a moment. "Everybody's been pretty well," she finally responded. He looked mildly at her, evidently at the end of his conversational resources.

She laid the hem of her handkerchief in

"Speaking of Sister Mely," she went on suddenly, "I don't know what I'd do but for Sister Mely. There's nobody to be depended on like your own born relations. 1 don't know whether you ever do get to understand people you wa'n't raised with."

"Yes, that's so," he assented, not without perplexity. "Some people are so excitable," she proceeded, "that you never know just where to find 'em. If Sister Mely says a thing today, she'll stick to it tomorrow." "You are mightily that way yourself,"

he said. She flushed over her face and neck. The blood rushed to his own face as he saw the drift of her thoughts. "Nobody's

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any stricter about a promise than you are," he said in a reassuring manner. "You'd stand up to it if it killed you—if you wa'n't let off." She gianced at him and looked away.

"I don't know how you know all that," she said. He seemed a little bewildered, as if he

Her glance again turned to him for an instant. "I don't generally make promises 'twould kill me to keep."

A sort of flash passed over his face as he looked at her. "It seemed mighty hard on you the other night-that promise

had lost his bearings in the conversation.

did," he began unsteadily. "Wa'n't it hard on you, Miss Mary Ellen?" With the eagerness of the drowning man who sees a straw he outshed the arms of his chair so that his knuckles whitened.

'Wa'n't it hard, Miss Mary Ellen?" She sat rigid in every nauscle, gazing serenely into her lap, but in spite of hersolt her face flushed and softened. "Not so very," she answered in a sweet, faint

FASHIONABLE BODICES.

voice.—Annie Steger Wilson in Ludies'

Home Journal.

The Way They Are Made and the Materials Employed For Them.

In making a blouse or draped bodice, which is, of course, always made over a fitted lining, the lining must be fitted, sewed and boned before the outside is applied to it. In order for a blouse to hang properly all around it should be entirely unconnected with the lining at the seams, only attached at the belt.

What Americans call Russian tea is served in Paris, with the addition of rum, under the name of American grog!

Clothing is becoming closer and less stiff, the newest models showing a decided tendency in the direction of the old sheath style. The skirts are molded to the hips and fall in soft, natural folds at the back. If this fashion becomes general and increases the force of its characteristic features, as fashions generally do when they prevail, the frilled and furbelowed petticoats so long the desire and pride of the frivolous will become things of the past, their place being taken by the scantiest of underwear-tights, or silk trousers, similar to those worn under hicycle skirts. Separate bodices, unlike the skirt which

they accompany, are fashionably worn,



despite prognostications to the contrary made as long ago as a year by modistes who found the style too economical to suit them. Formal and full dress costumes are alike throughout, but for demitoilet and the theater corsages of light or bright material, usually thin, with spangled or beaded decorations, or with applications of guipure and ribbon, are decidedly the

The picture given in today's issue shows a novel and attractive evening gown. The plain skirt is of black velvet. The blouse bodice of spangled black tulle over black satin has a pointed decolletage which is bordered by a drapery of point d'angleterre. This drapery is continued down the middle of the back, passing under the belt and gradually expanding upon the train. Wings of wired lace form the epaulets. JUDIC CHOLLET.

FLOTSAM OF THE STREET. Two Glimpses of a Life That Was Marred by Misfortune.

He is not good to look upon, but you have seen him. At the door of the County building, as you passed on Randolph street, he has

claimed your notice, and a wave of repul-

sion has swept over you, as, against your will, you looked at him again Pitiful was that upon which your gaze restedthe wreck of a man's strong body, with legs cut off above the knees. He is not clean. How could be be when mingling with the city's dirt? Coal dust is ground into his skin, his face is sad, a

straggling black mustache and matted raven hair make doubly ghastly the pallor of his face. All day he sits there on the payement, incapable of motion, mutely offering his wares-pencils, pins and other odds and ends. When you come down to work, he

is there, and when you seek your fireside he still is there. The burning summer sun and winter's icy winds make him their prey, but cannot drive him from his post. Mere sensate driftwood of the street, something repellant, haldly thought of as a man—such he is to you.

But life is often like a shield, two sided. The other side may well be worth a look.

At dusk a rattling wagon calls for him. The driver lifts him in and drives away. Far to the south it stops before a shabby cottage. The fragment of a man is lifted out and carried to the door, which opens at the sound of steps. It closes fast behind him and shuts out the misery of the day. What magic is there here? In a fleeting

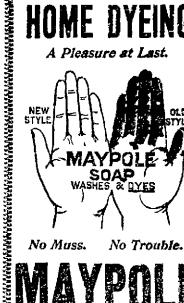
moment what a change? He who was a helpless outcast now is king. Outside a grimy cripple, here a husband and a father. Pressure of loving arms, tender looks from faithful eyes, children's happy clamor at his coming-

Oblivious of care is he, as after the simple meal his bables climb into his arms and play with bright pennics he has saved for them. And when, the wee ones safe in bed, he sits beside his patient wife the care and sadness of the day are lost, and he is full content. Are you more fortunate than he?-Chi-

cago Inter Ocean.

Lincoln's Pallbearers. Of the pallbearers at the funeral of Abraham Lincoln only two, H. G. Worthington

and ex-Senator Dawes of Massachusetts, are now living. The following is a list of the distinguished men who acted in that capacity: Senate-Foster of Connecticut, Morgan of New York, Johnson of Maryland, Yates of Illinois, Wade of Ohio and Conners of California. House—Dawes of Massachusetts, Croffroth of Pennsylvania, Smith of Kentucky, Colfax of Indiana, Worthington of Nevada and Washburne of Illinois. Army—Generals Grant, Halleck and Nicholls. Navy-Farragut, Shubrick and Zolin. Civilians-O. H. Browning of Illinois, Thomas Corwin of Ohio, George Ashman of Massachusetts and Simon Cameron of Pennsylvania.—New York Tribune.



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THE FASHION.

Coming Events Cast Their Shadows Before. but the Shadows Are Still Indistinct, Fashion is at present in a transition

stage, nothing being definite and settled; but, on the contrary, the wardrobe still being on the downward incline from the extreme bouffarey at which it remained stationary for an appreciable period. Nobody fully understands just what the next important change will be or just when the final point of decrease will be reached -whether we shall return to the gown like an umbrella care or whether the diminishment is only partial and is simply the reaction from the colessal sleeves and ten yard skirts of a few seasons past. Tentative attempts are being made by several important modistes to guide the fashionable fancy in some one direction, but as each would be guide has chosen a different course matters are still unsettled and will remain so until the Parisian stage and Parisian society have decided what the world in general shall wear. One fashionable dressmaker is endeavor-

ing to reintroduce the very tight, plain, close fitting style of attire to public favor



and has created some very attractive models of this type, which afford a marked contrast to the ruffles and blouses now in the full tide of success. Another is returning to wide effcots at the top of the skirt. increasing the breadth of the him instead of strictly defining them. This is a becoming style for very thin women, and with a tight hodice gives a Louis Quinze effect. At all events, the tendency is still to diminish the general lines. Skirts have

less fullness and less stiffness, blouses are fitted at the back and are less baggy in front and sleeves are losing more and more of their shoulder bouffancy. For the rest time will soon show the truth. The picture illustrates an attractive long coat of black cloth. It is belted in by a yellow leather belt which passes under the loose, double breasted front. The coat has close sleeves and a high, flaring collar and is finished with rows of stitching, large

buttons forming the decoration. The cravat is of oream lace. The accompanying toque is of cream velvet trimmed with black quills. JUDIC CHOLLET. The Eclipse.

On no other occasion does the display of tremendous power in the economy of the physical universe exercise so subduing an influence over the mind or produce so humiliating a conviction of the impotence of all human efforts to control the immutable laws of nature and arrest the course of events as when the glorious orb of day, while riding in the heavens with unclouded splendor, begins to melt away from an unseen cause and soon totally disappears, leaving the whole visible world wrapped in the sable gloom of nocturnal darkness. The scene is rendered still more impressive by the circumstances accompanying so remarkable an occurrence.

The heavens assume an unnatural aspect. which excites a feeling of horror in the spectator. A livid huo is diffused over all terrestrial objects. Plants close up their leaves as on the approach of night. The fowls betake themselves to their resting places. The warbling of the grove is hushed in profound silence. In other words, universal nature seems to relax her onergies, as if the pulse which stimulated her mighty movements had all at once stood still.—Sir Norman Lockyer.

The day that Phillips Brooks died the mother of a little child came into the room where the little one was playing, and, holding the bright face between her hands, enid tearfully, "Bishop Brooks has gone to heaven." "Oh, mamma, how happy to heaven." the angels will be!" was the reply of the

Sincerity. "In the evening," remarked the observe

er of man and things, "a girl will tell you that she carr es her heart upon her sleeve. The next da, she will carry her, lunch in music roll '-Detroit Journal.

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The Romantic Story of John Jacob Astor and His Millions. How the Vast Property Is to Be Controlled.

[Copyright, 1898.] This is the day of trusts. There have on the earth. there appears a new endeavor among and estate by Lispenard Stewart. tertain moneyed classes to protect them- It is currently believed that the pres-

to his real estate holdings until 21 tims. years after his initial purchase he was | John Jacob Astor (I) was born in line of certain growth while it was yet the largest owner of real estate on Waldorf, near Heidelberg, Germany, on held at low figures. The latter Astors ished by any one, is quite hopeless.

His present male descendants, William Waldorf and John Jacob Astor, to- ered himself rather above them in the gether own 9 per cent of the \$2,000.000 -000 of real estate in New York city, and father in "the old country" was a each year the increment added is sufficient to provide many men with large

Astor estates. Its purpose might be extended to offer desirable terms to other great land holdings. F. Harold Van Rensselaer, generally known as 'Harry," was in the insurance business, and he is a pet of the mighty Mrs. William Astor. He interviewed representatives of the Rhinelander, Goelet, Lispenard and other wealthy real estate owners, and it was such a pleasant suggestion that they signified their willingness to take policies in the proposed enterprise. Consequently the Astor Insurance company is an existing

Thus far these commercial endeavors may be said to be an Astor trust, but the patronage of all the rich real estate proprietors of New York city will result in a combination of moneyed inter-

J. Hampden Robb, one of the trustees been combinations of capital to concen- of the Rhinelander estate—which has a trate certain lines of mercantile activi- fifth interest-is to be president of the ty under one head and general supervi- fire insurance company. The Goelet ession that competition might be defied tate is to be represented by William and the market kept stable, but now Berrian, its manager, and the Lispen-

selves within themselves by the for- ent John Jacob's investments in paper mation of corporations that will guard securities are made by him in the setheir interests and, while saving them clusion of the rear parlors of the Farmexpense, add to their income as stock- ers' Loan and Trust company, where holders in the very organizations in no mortal eye save that of the youthwhich they themselves invest. It is a ful president of that institution sees unique condition, but probably a very what enormous amounts of accummuproper one from the standpoint of the lated wealth are monthly stowed away That he owns more that 5,000 first class The Astor heirs and those who con- buildings and many acres of vacant trol the vast properties of the Astor land in New York and its suburbs and family, with its varied connections, are that he can buy and pay for additional among the first to adopt the new plan property worth a million dollars every of concentration. It will be remem- month and still have enough left to bered that nearly 110 years ago-in 1789, meet his current expenses is the comto be exact—John Jacob Astor (I) mon report. But all' his business is started the family on its way to its transacted in a manner to attract the present position, that of the greatest least possible attention. The Astors landed proprietor on two continents. He may realize the possibility of there bebought a lot in the Bowery, then known ing a people's revolt some day against as Bowery lane, near Elizabeth street, the monopolizing of houses and lands, New York, and from time to time added and the richest would be the first vic-

the Astors, and the ambition, if cher- Baltimore, about the same time that that made the first John Jacob's real the Lorillards, the famous tobacconists, came to the United States. He considbutcher and therefore a wealthier man than most of his neighbors. His connection with various enterprises in the east, in the Hudson Bay company's lands and in Oregon are too well known for recapitulation. His knowledge of the butcher's trade, doubtless acquired lowing the Revolution was far more before leaving home, made him a judge straitlaced and exclusive than the smart of skins and furs. He always purchased set of today, and the word "trade" was the best and was not too proud to carry one of awful import to ears polite. The the bundle home upon his back. As a furrier who had been a peddler when sharp trader he could not be surpassed young, whose wife helped him at the and was the closest kind of an econo- work of curing the pelts, and whose mist all his life, amassing a fortune brother was a vulgar butcher, was charge of a Dr. Fairbank, and could fre- ings of the Astor families. even while he and his family were liv- barred out as long as possible, but he quently be seen following the physician branches own hundreds of p

up town that will sell for \$20,000 by the was more than 6 feet in height and pos- a close and calculating school. Even in time yours will bring \$12,000, and I shall sessed of greater personal comeliness early youth he was inspired with no-make \$12,000 while you make but \$4,000." than any other member of the family, tions of the strictest economy and, leases. The man shook his head in doubt, but, becoming unmanageable, he was above all, with the idea that the growth The finest section of the Astor estates safest of all securities.



Manhattan Island. No one has yet July 17, 1763. At the age of 16 he have rarely if ever sold real estate, arisen to take that proud place from went to London and in 1783 sailed for but it was selling as well as buying estate ventures so profitable. It is said that the Astors now own 25

acres covered with houses and other social scale, for the reason that his buildings, besides tracts that have not been built upon and their large rural

estates of park and lake. But it is not for so many decades that the Astor name has been "an open sesame" everywhere to the doors of society. The landholding aristocracy of colonial days and the years just fol-

year was unable to do more than com- pants of the houses will tell the inquirer prehend some of the simple lessons con- that the Astors are the owners. tained in a child's primer. Although There is the Samler farm property in fond of the book, he rebelled when the Tenth and Seventeenth wards, along powers of memory were overtasked. Avenue A from First street to Seventh His father provided liberally for the street. It is occupied for the most part maintenance of his "unfortunate son," by tenements built by the lessees, whose as he was called in the will. The poor leases run for 21 years with the priveman died about 25 years ago without having regained his intellect. William, The old Clinton farm property was Backhouse Astor inherited the bulk of formerly in Greenwich village. It ex-

the original fortune. He had three sons tends from Little West Twelfth street -John Jacob (III), William and Henry, to Fifteenth street and from Eighth named for his butcher uncle. Henry married against the wishes of his family, and, though still living up the Hudson in comparative wealth, was cut off with a relatively small slice of the family millions and is never taken into account when the Astor family is considered. Upon his death William Astor devised his property in equal shares to his two favorite sons, John Jacob (III) and William. John Jacob, being the elder of the two, was the recognized leader of the family, and when he died, a few years ago, he was much the richer Astor, as William, though his fortune increased greatly during his life,

During the civil war John Jacob (III) served for a time on the staff of General McClellan, and the title of colonel was his by right. He died in 1890, leaving one son, William Waldorf, now in London. William Astor died in 1892, leaving one son, the present John Jacob (IV), and two daughters, one of whom, formerly Mrs. Coleman Drayton, is now Mrs. Halg of London.

gave much less attention to business

than his elder brother.

This William Astor was educated in

ing in such humble quarters that the was too rich a man. His services to the about the grounds more like a faithful ground which are leased for long terms. dependent than the heir to vast posses. In these cases the lessee pays the taxes, sions. In the doctor's hands he was ex- and the Astor name does not therefore tremely docile, but even in his fortieth occur on the taxbooks, but the occu-



estates are as follows:

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the table are entirely exclusive of per-

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D. O. Mills
Solomon Loeb
Stokes estate
Furniss estate
Rosevelt estate
Matthew Wilks
D. Willis James

tent, patrons

sonal property and only indicate the amount of real estate holdings in New York city. The Gerry estate has but a know, of the greatest antiquity, says minor part of its property represented, the Philadelphia Ledger. We find traces as it is collectively estimated at \$75,- of them among the Chinese and Greeks. 000,000. The Goelet estate is fully twice ovid tells us of golden umbrellas as much as given, as it has real estate which warded off the sun. The throne holdings elsewhere, and D. O. Mills has of the great mogul is supported by an

All these estates apparently have a and the Astoria; the Goelets, the Im- back as 1780 a red umbrella from Legperial-additional to the Knickerbocker horn is chronicled as having arrived at and Murray Hill theaters-and the Bristol. So there is nothing new under Windsor, which stands on land that was the sun. originally a part of the "farm," and the Enos, the Fifth Avenue hotel.

are to devote one day a week to the two front teeth in a fight. Robinson

vermin.

The shah of Persia has a great rever-

ence for cats. He has 50 of them, and The albatross has been known to foleach one has an attendant of its own, low a ship for two months without ever with a special room for meals. When being seen to alight.

erties stand on either side of Broad street, at Wall, on sites that over fabulous figures. The Mills building is the The big estates of Arnold-Constable Alfred Corning Clark, James McCree-

buildings. Two of their largest prop-

and on the west side of Madison ave- as landowners is almost as great as the new enterprises of John Jacob Astor The element of strength that was not-

Taland and the unnexed districts dur-

There are also lots on the Boulevard ing the recent pene, when land values does not comprise all the realty hold- of the Astors being that the city will persons, all of whom are so wealthy that a temporary stringency in the It is all a romance of great riches, in- money market or even a prolonged creasing from the sum of \$20,000,000 that period of distless in mercantile circles the original Astor left at his death in does not cause there any inconvenience. 1848 to \$185,000,000, the estimated joint. For the past five years there have been many owners of "gilt édged" There should be a line in reference to realty whose necessatis forced them to the devoted servants of the family, sell, but there has not been so much Three generations have succeeded the property thrown on the market but founder of the house, but during almost that the large landed proprietors have the entire period the same set of men; easily absorbed it. Their enormous inhave been employed to watch over the comes have afforded a sort of sinking interests of the estate. There are two fund for the rescue of landed property. divisions in the offices devoted to this This warrants the proise frequently hepurpose and one outside. Philip Kisstowed on New York (ity 122) estate sam was one of the trustees as well as that it is as good as United States

the manager of the estate of the present government bonds. John Jacob Astor, as he was for those; There have been overbuilding and everof his father and grandfather. Abner speculation, and these have produced Bartlett, who was an investor in real inflation of prices, with the result of a estate for both branches of the house, gradual shading to normal figures. The was said to be the best authority in great packbone of New York-Broad-New York and suburban real estate, way-and the streets and avenues Another faithful employee was John crossing and contiguous to it have held Downey, the builder, himself a million-, their own and even appreciated, despite aire, who erected all their houses and failures, falling prices and interrupted made all the repairs during a period of enterprise.

30 years. It should be remembered. The great estates have been built up however, that about one-third of John by close observation of the arteries of Jacob Astor's estate is in the form of the city. Their founders followed the bonds, mortgages and other securities trend of people and of money and left It is well known that 20 individuals an injunction to their successors to do and estates own nearly 18 per cent of likewise.

the real estate on Manhattan Island and Property cannot legally be entailed in that part of Westchester county known this country, but many of the possessbefore 1898 as the annexed district, ors of real estate have catablished a About 150 others own 50 per cent. But system which virtually and practically it is with the first named, who are con-lamounts to the law of primogeniture. nected by social bonds and capitalistic Family holdings have been tied up in interests, that John Jacob Astor will trusts, have been incumbered with profind his insurance patrons. The 20 great hibitions not to soil during the life of the longest living child of the longest William Waldorf Astor......\$119.000 00) living-heir, and in other ways have

gress in the extension of his business 10,000,000 affairs. A short time ago he became 8,000,001 president of the T.dewater Building 7,000,000 company, which will in future do all the 7,000,000 building for the Astor estate. He also 6,000,000 building for the 6,000,000 controls the destinies of the Findlay, 6,000,000 Fort Wayne and Western railroad. It is to be said of the Astors that

while they live well and in excellent 000; style in their homes they have always conducted thomselves with extreme quietness and modesty in their inter-There are other people of great wealth accumulations of real estate are made the Ayers, Pearsons, Classins, Schultzes, without flourish of trumpels, and they and Greens, worth from \$5,000,000 to will build a dozen or more 10 or 15 story 350,000,000-residing in New York, but edifices without estentatious display of their investments are principally in hardly permitting then selves as he seen other cities. It is possible that they also giving more than a hasty glance at the may become, to a greater or less ex- fine structules as they go towering heuvenward

His Choice.

"One day during last October," said : repres mative from one of the southern states to a Washington reporter, "I had occasion to get out in the mountains from one of the interior county seats, where I had some law Lusiness. My mission was to secure a deposition from the wife of a mountain farmer, and when the work was done I was asked to remain to dinner. It was not entirely to my liking, for I knew what that kind of a dinner meant, but I could not decline the invitation. It was a very homely affair, indeed, corn bread and bacon being the leading viands. At my right sat a boy of 15, who was rather a foxy youngster, though he had rever been beyond the limits of the county; He was quite inquisitive after he had made a start, and during the course of his inquiries became personal.

"'I reckon you're uster betr'n you get here in the mountains? he said with a nod to the spread before us.
"'Oh, I don't know,' I parried. 'It is different in the city.'

"'I reckon you have white bread all the time, haven't you?"

" 'No corn bread a-tall?"

" 'Only when I want it.'

At first there was incredulity in his eyes; then it faded, and there came admination and longing. "'Geminently gosh!' he exclaimed in

a rapture. 'I'd rather be a congressman than go ter heaven! I shore would!' "And he was so seriously in earnest that I didn't dare laugh."

Historical Umbrellas.

Among the items in the current sales are umbrellas having tops that, being unscrewed, a long and convenient pencil can be extracted, useful for making memoranda. Some others have tiny watches in the top. The most fashionable top is an egg shaped opal stone. with a monogram in silver, adjusted to the rounded top. A very different article this from the old Egyptian umbrallas still to be seen on the sculptures of Thebes, for umbrellas are, we many valuable properties in San Fran- umbrella, while another potentate is not only king of the white elephant. but lord of the twenty-four umbrellas. Iking for hotel property. The Astors they first came into England, they built the Waldorf, the Netherland they were only used by women. As far

In the last 20 years the ostrich in-D. O. Mills and Matthew Wilks are dustry in South Africa has increased connected chiefly with valuable office from \$590,000 annually to \$5,000,000.

work of ridding the neighborhood of the fixed the dog up in his chair, filled the teeth with pretty gold fillings, and the terrier is again on the warpath.

> The marten, a carnivorous animal has been known to eat fruit as a dainty.

W.W. ASTOR'S ENCHSHIMOME

tay gatherer passed them by almost in city in developing new sections. had

Colonel John Jacob Astor, the fourth

of the name, with the praiseworthy in-

tention of developing Thirty-fourth

street as a business thoroughfare and

raising it to a higher plane than Twen-

ty-third street, erected the Astor Court

building. He desired naturally to have

what are generally termed "first class

tenants" and without difficulty or de-

lay secured a few. The first floor was

especially adapted for the banking busi-

ness, but as no commercial exchange

thought of moving the idea of having a

bank of his own immediately impressed

him, and the sequence was the Astor

bank, as the big lettered sign informs

the passersby.

It is very evident, however, that he these gentlemen and the erection of the did not confine himself to the purchase Astor House when New York was in of government stock (though he dough dire need of a first class hotel helped bled his money on some scrip he took in his favor. during the Revolution), for shortly aft- There are certain old records that deer this he began investing largely in scribe most amusingly the consterna-

be termed a valuable paper:

There was a wish, unexpressed only to Wall street for \$3,000 to a man who, of three-quarters of a century ago and a few, that he might have other repreafter the deed was signed, expressed scan with critical inspection those who sentative tenants from some of the larger surprise at the sale of the land at any attempt to become members of their socorporations down town, but the vicinity of Wall, Broad and Beaver streets, figure.

on which he acted.

with its atmosphere of finance, is especially suited to capitalists, and they could not see superior inducements so far up town. But the colonel, as railroad president, inventor, hotel proprieit was because I knew the lots would The latter was well educated and until

ontempt. been recognized, his services to the The following is a copy of what might United States government had been too generous to be questioned, and he On the fitteenth day of July next, I forced himself or his family into the promise to receive from Mr. Griffith Evans or order two thousand five hundred dollars, six per cent stock of the United States, and pay him or order at the rate of twenty-five shillings, one penny and three farthings on the pound.

Philadelphia, the 4th January, 1792.

Guaranteed by Mr. Cormpton.

It is beligged that Mr. Aster circular decircles of the blue blooded cateries. Becircles of the blue blooded cateries. It is believed that Mr. Astor signed ed were highly considered in social cirthis paper when in business on Chest-cles. Then, too, his establishment of nut street, opposite Independence hall, the Astor library at the suggestion of

New York real estate, and so continued tion of the "ins" when they learned till the day of his death. He was not that the parvenu John Jacob Astor only a buyer, but a seller, and once, must be allowed to enter into their sowhen he was a young man, he explain- cial delights, but 20 years later the famed to an acquaintance the principle up- ily of the scorned furrier was regarded as the real "elect." Today they have He had sold a parcel of real estate on adopted the tactics of their opponents cial circle.

"In three years," he said to Astor, Henry Astor, the butcher, died with-"these lots will sell for \$12,000, and I out issue, but John Jacob Astor, the tor, builder, banker, military attache, rise that I offered them to you. Prop- histwentieth year gave great promise of yachtsman and literary worker, is a crty that is bound to rise will always becoming a distinguished man. His inman of ideas, and the thought flashed sell, but with the \$8,000 you paid mo tellect then suddenly failed, and he forupon him that an insurance company I have bought other property further got even the letters of the alphabet. He

ALL ABOUT ANIMALS.

fered for sale in the markets of many the end of the second year.

been taken up by naturalists when in "moke" market, English and Dutch syn- Claude, the winner of the Auteuil steethis condition and held stationary for dicates having already invested \$25,000 plechase in 1890. France has a law forbidding the made to determine whether toads could sume the "whirling" when released.

Nevertheless piles of such birds are of- and in every case the toads died before with glory in distant South Africa. His farmer.

several minutes, but will instantly re- in donkey flesh in Clare, Tipperary and . In Costa Rica canary birds, builfinch-

Limerick alone, and a new branch of in- es and parrakects are special table slaughter of birds smaller than larks. live when incressed in blocks of stone, The Irish donkey has covered himself dustry is opening up to the Irish dainties. fered for sale in the markets of many the end of the second year.

There is a cuttum breed of mice in so fatal to cattle and horses, and all the horse now draws a Paris fiacre. Mar- ber in existence. Most of them belong the sale to cattle and horses, and all the horse now draws a Paris fiacre. Mar- ber in existence. Most of them belong the sale to cattle and horses, and all the horse now draws a Paris fiacre. Mar- ber in existence. Most of them belong the sale to cattle and horses, and all the horse now draws a Paris fiacre. Mar- ber in existence. Most of them belong the sale to cattle and horses, and all the horse now draws a Paris fiacre. Mar- ber in existence in the end of the second year.

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Russia is said to own 30,000,000 horses,

ing the song birds and the fields, which these little creatures will whirl like direction and in the matter of diet he is as ac-chargers were turned over to the Pasthey and in the matter of diet he is as ac-chargers were turned over to the Pasthey and in the matter of diet he is as ac-chargers were turned over to the Pasthey and in the matter of diet he is as ac-chargers were turned over to the Pasthey and in the matter of diet he is as ac-chargers were turned over to the Pasthey and in the matter of diet he is as ac-chargers were turned over to the Pasthey and in the matter of diet he is as ac-chargers were turned over to the Pasthey and in the matter of diet he is as ac-chargers were turned over to the Pasthey and in the matter of diet he is as ac-chargers were turned over to the Pasthey and in the matter of diet he is as ac-chargers were turned over to the Pasthey and in the matter of diet he is as ac-chargers were turned over to the Pasthey and in the matter of diet he is as ac-chargers were turned over to the Pasthey and in the matter of diet he is as ac-chargers were turned over to the Pasthey and in the matter of diet he is as ac-chargers were turned over to the Pasthey and in the matter of diet he is as ac-chargers were turned over to the Pasthey and in the matter of diet he is as ac-chargers were turned over to the Pasthey and in the matter of diet he is as ac-chargers were turned over to the Pasthey and in the matter of diet he is as ac-chargers were turned over to the Pasthey and in the matter of diet he is as ac-chargers were turned over to the Pasthey and in the matter of the pasthey and in the matter of diet he is as ac-chargers were turned over to the Pasthey and in the matter of the pasthey and pasthey and in the matter of the pasthey a NEWSPAPERARCHIVE®

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of North Adams ought to be very proud of.—Lynn Item.

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INSURANCE MEETING

Boston Exchange Agents and City Officials Discuss

GITY WITH VILLAGE EQUIPMENT

is the Outside View of the North Adams Department, Reduction of 10 to 20 Per Cent. Offered.

F. D. Cross, chairman of the New England insurance exchange committee for northern Berkshire met members of city council Wednesday evening to discuss the local fire department and lower insurance rates. They made a statement of what the companies would do if the department | but the loss is covered by insurance. B. were increased.

They offered no definite reductions to be made in a lump, but said that if the loss by smoke and water, which is covcity would act favorably on the department, rates would undoubtedly be lowered on individual risks from 10 to 20 per cent. Their suggestion as to the needs of the department was for a chemical engine with a pair of horses and paid men to be always on hand, and a pair of horses with men for the hose cart.

They said that North Adams was a city with a village fire department, and that it was much behind other cities of its size. There were present for the city Mayor Cady, Colonel Bracewell, chairman of the fire committee, and Councilmen Gallup, Brown and Mignault of the committee. There were several insurance men present

The city will take action on the matter under appropriations and it is considered probable that enough will be allowed to the fire department to purchase a chem-

A Very Comic Opera.

audience at the Columbia theater last evening, who sympathized heartily with the various bits of good fortune which rewarded his different schemes. Fred Frear, who took the part, is a good imitator of Frank Daniels, but puts a good deal of originality into his interpretation. The music of the opera is familiar, having furnished several of the "popular" songs, and it was for the most part well rendered. Lous Casavant as Cheops and Miss Millard as Cleopatra were the leading soloists, the former having a remarkably effective voice. The stage settings were elaborate the entire production entertaining.

will be that of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" next Monday, with a matinee at 4 o'clock for school children. Tuesday, Washington's birthday, will be celebrated with a return engagement of Richards and Canfield in "My Boys," with two performances. Next Thursday the Williams college glee, panjo and mandolin clubs will give a concert in the theater.

pneumonia.

James Jacobson is putting a new piazza

on the front of A. Lee Howard's store,

parlors Thursday night. James Tainter broke one of his ribs last

Thursday. He made a misstep and fell nto a hole where they had been hauling iogs out.

J. S. N. Kentfield has been quite ill with pneumonia.

Henry Reed and Mrs. Mary Stimpson vere quietly married at Mr. Reed's home Friday night, Rev. C. E. Cahee officiating. They went to North Adams, Saturday, for

nd Mrs. Arthur Bancroft Monday.

this week into the house vacated by Porter Carrier.

vere at Mrs. Cutler's over Sunday.

Everybody is invited to attend the sugar eat and social at the residence of C. S. Chase, Friday night, February 25. There will be an auction sale of fancy articles during the evening.

Charles Parker, an old resident of thi place, died at Waterbury, Vt., last week. He was half-brother of William Parker who now res d.s here.

Frank Reed of Readsboro is visiting Gerald Wheeler this week.

Miss Maud Evans of West Swansey, N. H., has been visiting her uncle, E. F.

nast few days.

Frank Brigham was unlucky enough to find two of his cows choked to death in the stable last week.

There was a very pleasant evening spent at D. S. Worden's February 11, when a handled by Treasurer Hardenbergh. jolly company of young and old called to offer congratulations and best wishes to S. B. Worden and bride who were recently married. Games and refreshments made the time pass rapidly and the company departed at a late hour after W. W. Stowe had presented Mr. and Mrs. Worden, in behalf of the company, a nurse of money.

WILMINGTON.

Rev. F. S. Walker has been in Boston

n Bennington after visiting for two weeks with his uncle, Fred Moore,

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Medbury were in North Adams last week.

writing. ast Friday from Maine.

Miss Rose Delude and sister visited friends in Whitingham last week,

The langer se common at this season is due to impoverished blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures it by enriching the blood.

EARLY MORNING FIRE.

Clothing and Photograph Firms Burned Out. Narrow Escape from Suffocation.

The stock of the Bell Clothing company, J. H. Levin, agent, was totally destroyed by fire this morning. The store is at 41 Eagle street in a building owned by E. D. Angell.

An alarm from box 6 was sounded shortly after 5 o'clock and all of the companies responded promptly. For some reason there was a little delay in getting water from some of the hydrants and the fire had gained considerable headway when the water was turned on. It took about an hour to subdue the fire and the stock in the store is a total loss. The stock was estimated by the proprietors at \$4,500 and was insured for \$2,500. The building is badly damaged, J. Boland, whose grocery store adjoins the building on the north, suffers a slight ered by insurance.

The worst sufferer is Photographer Bombardier, whose gallery was directly over the clothing store. In the floor was a skylight about four feet square. The glass was soon broken by the heat and the smoke poured up into the gallery in large volumes. Mr. Bombardier slept near this skylight and narrowly escaped death by suffocation. When he awoke he was almost overcome and it was with difficulty that he got out of the building. He had not time to dress, but made his way to the street in his night shirt and ran up and down looking for a fire alarm box, which in his excitement he was unable to find, and the alarm was given by some one else. Mr. Bombardier lost \$45 in cash and all of his clothes, and the loss on his photographic outfit is large. He estimates his total loss at from \$400 to \$500. and he had no insurance. He is thankful that he escaped death.

The origin of the fire is not known Chief Engineer Byars says it started not far from the stove in the rear part of the store, but he does not think it caught from the stove. It spread very rapidly and while not much of the stock was totally consumed, all was ruined. The caused will probably be investigated

Mr. Levin, formerly of the Troy cash grocery, had run the store for three or four months. It is not known whether or not the business will be resumed. Wallace Kearn has charge of the building, which will be put in order as soon as the insurance is adjusted.

POLICE COURT FROZEN OUT.

Judge and Lawyers Get a Taste of the "Cooler." Faulty Pipes.

It was so cold in the district court room this morning that all the officials wore overcoats and still shivered. Judge Phelps said it was too cold to stay in the room, and with several of the lawyers he went down to the boilers on an inspec-

They found four pounds of steam on, which naturally ought to warm the whole building. The heaters lost how-Mrs. Lillian Smith is quite ill with ever by indirect heating. The pipes which convey the heat are all uncovered friends. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Will and thus the steam is cooled before it reaches the second story of the building.

The city officials will be notified of the condition and it is probable that the pipes will be covered with asbestos, when it is from an abacess of the eyelid, caused thought that the trouble will be remedied.

The two cases against Joseph Perry for non-support and assault and battery, preferred by his wife were continued. as was also one civil case.

An Important Hearing.

E. H. Beer and Fred Dowlin of the firm of Beer & Dowlin have gone to Boston to be present at the hearing on their petition for recompense from the state for their expenses incurred in the O'Neil trial. The hearing will be held tomorrow and will bring up legal questions which are of importance to the entire legal pro-

The question rests on the refusal of the judge to assign Beer & Dowlin as attorneys for the defense, on the technical point that they were in a different county This is an unwritten law, and it is probable that the judge will be present at the hearing to interpret his reason for it. One result of the hearing will be to show whether a prisoner should be given any voice in the selection of attorneys when they are appointed by the state.

The City Tax Record,

The total tax lavy in this city for 1897 was \$227,555.32, of which amount there remained uncollected December 1 only \$8.-155.52, or about 3 6-10 per cent. of the whole. The number of polls assessed was \$5,855, and up to December 1 there had | that he is on the road to recovery after been collected \$3,486, leaving only about his serious illness. 40 per cent. uncollected. This is a far better record than is shown by many cities in the state and speaks well for the way in which this branch of the city's business is

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The Association wheelmen are fast com. pleting arrangements for their annual Tuesday evening. B. E. Lovejoy will be toastmaster and among the speakers will Commissioner of Public Works Emigh, Rev. W. L. Tenney and E. E. Byam. A turkey supper will be served.

The ladies' auxiliary met at the rooms this afternoon.

The city council will meet Friday evening at 7.30.

Street Railway Open Again.

There was hard work on the street railway lines this morning. The snow drifted so rapidly yesterday that it was impossible to run the plow, but early today it was at work on the Adams line. The first car came through from Adams at about 10 o'clock. The Williamstown line was opened up to Braytonville this noon, and the makagement expected to have cars running to Williamstown before 4 o'clock,

Dr. Dray of Boston Investigates for State Hospital.

Dr. Dray of Boston was in this city a few days last week making investigations. In 1894 there were numerous cases of paralysis among children in this city and a few of them have passed their way into the Children's hospital in Boston for treatment. The disease in children is rather unusual and the interest of Dr. Brackett, who is in charge of the hospital. was aroused by these cases. He therefore sent Dr. Dray here to investigate in the interest of science.

Dr. Dray arrived in the city on Wednesday of last week and proceeded quietly to execute the task before him. He found by going from house to house where the disease had occurred that there were nine cases in August and September, 1894, and came to the conclusion that the disease was epidemic at that time, but was un able to rssign a cause. It will be remembered that a severe case

was that of a young daughter of Sydney Simmons, mail agent on the Fitchburg railroad, who moved from this city to Waltham in order to be near Boston, where the child has been treated. She is gradually improving.

BLACKINTON.

The Y. M. M. I. wish to thank all who so ably assisted them at their concert last

Rev. Edward Wilson of Williamstown will lecture in School hall Wednesday evening, February 23, on "Sights and Sounds Abroad."

looking roan horse, received in trading. He put him to good use yesterday morning by carrying several woman through the storm to work in the mill.

found with strong teams. Miss Nettie McKendrick is spending a

few weeks with friends in Pittsfield and Stafford Springs, Conn.

ing on the sidewalk in North Adams. after the play of "A Celebrated Case" to be given on next Monday evening.

being thrown from a carriage. She and her husband were being driven by Hiland Pratt when the hip strap broke, letting the breeching on the horse's heels. The horse began kicking and the men sprang out to hold him. Mr. Pratt only succeeded in grasping his bead and when he finally checked him found his wife had been thrown out and was severely injured. She is confined to the bed.

spending a couple of days calling on

have been posted up and such election will occur one week from Tuesday next. Mrs. David Thomas has been suffering from a closed tear duct.

The factory is to run on three-quarter time and a portion of the varn to be purchased elsewhere, owing to the strike of the spinners on night work.

Pownal. The work will be conducted a the Baptist church for a season. Edward Barber has bought a team for

farm work in Albany. The local politicians are making slates for next fortnight's election.

Miss Ella Auburn has returned from Brooklyn, N. Y., after a two months' ab-

sence.

the mumps. The "H. H. Torch" was read Friday evening by the editors, Miss Mary Goodell and James Lee. It was unusually full of locals and personals but enjoyed by all

Mrs. Ziba Goodell is visiting Mrs. Lewis

Dickey of Westfield. The Woman's Working association will give an oyster supper at the chapel Thursday evening, February 17. Admission 25 cents. There will be home-made

ng some of his old friends here recently. Ernest Hill's friends are glad to know

SWEET'S CORNERS.

Miss Jennie Sweet of Pittsfield spent a

Robert Drew. Several of the friends of Mr. and Mrs.

E. Walker will move to South Williamstown April I into the Krigger house. The Lamb house vacated by Mr. Walker will be occupied by Charles Hall of North Adams.

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Chase last Thursday.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church gave a sugar eat at the church

a few days visit among friends. A little son arrived at the home of Mr.

Royal Chase expects to move his family

Carl Perry and bride of Munroe Bridge

GROVE C, C. Bell has just finished his new ice

Evans. The snow has settled greatly during the

on business. Bertie E. Harwood returned to his home

Miss Cora Wheeler is very ill at this John Gilbert, Jr., arrived at his father's

James K. Batcheldor was in town over

Edward Stone is driving a very stylish

Several of the local ball players are considering offers to play professionally the coming season. W. J. Mackey has signed with the Allentown, Pa., Atlantic league team. William Howells, George W. Ashton and one or two others may be

Mrs. John Strail has suffered the past two weeks from injuries received by fall-Special cars will be run to North Adams

POWNAL.

Mrs. Ed Pratt was severely injured by

Mrs. Col. M. Barber, U. S. A., of Governor's Island, New York harbor, is Notices of the election of town officers

Marcus Dean is reported better.

The revival services at the Methodist church have been transferred to North

WHITE OAKS.

Byron Sipperly has decided rather late that he will be in the fashion and have

present.

candy for sale. Clark Lamphier of Hancock was visit-

ew days last week with her sister, Mrs. Merritt Town. W. J. Metcalf is taking violin lessons of

Fred M. Northup gathered at their home banquet to be" held at the parlors next | Saturday evening to pay them a farewell visit before they leave for their new home in Amherst. Mr. and Mrs. Northup have be Professor Russell of Williams colleger gained many friends during the five years they have lived at Sweet's Corners and it is with regret that they leave us.

> The revival meetings are being largely attended and much interest is being manfested by all who have enjoyed the benefits of such grand meetings. At the Sunday evening service all but three in the house gave in their testimony as christians or having a desire to become so,

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